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Lucky 18 split $20M jackpot

Beating the odds. Cash comes to group of oil workers after years of buying tickets

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Booming oilsands giant Suncor will have a few more job vacancies after 18 of its workers struck it rich with a $20-million lotto win.

Six of the workers plan to retire after coming up lucky in the Aug. 31 draw, but the other 12 are returning to work Monday. They will now split $20,037,170 evenly between them.

Paul Furlong, who dutifully bought the group's weekly tickets, said he first thought the winning had been a still-significant $200,000, but when he double-checked he was absolutely floored.

The calls went out throughout the weekend to the workers about their big win, but Fred Hradoway didn't find out about the win until Monday morning, when he returned from vacation.

"I didn't believe it — I thought they were doing a practical joke."

The winning ticket was part of $180-worth the group bought weekly. It was sold at a Petro Canada on Yellowhead Trail at 142 Street.

Members of the Lucky 18 were all smiles Thursday as they picked up their cheque for more than $20 million. The group of co-workers have been buying tickets together for years. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

Charges laid in PQ shooting

The man accused in the deadly attack at a Parti Québécois gathering has been charged with first-degree murder PAGE 10

Esks looking for redemption

The team hopes a stronger defence will prevent another loss to the Stampeders in their rematch Friday PAGE 46

Twice removed, once reviled

Eighteen years on, Sloan celebrates the album that at one time had the bandmates at odds PAGE 40

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It's gonna be a wild ride: Meet the horses of Cavalia

Local legends. Two foals from Leduc join international cast

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More than 40 horses are ready for their close-up as Cavalia, the multimedia equestrian spectacle, prepares for opening night in Edmonton Tuesday.

Joining the show for the next year are five-month-old foals Sirius and Canopus, from two farms in Leduc County.

Named after the two brightest stars in the night sky, the foals open and close the show to mark the evolution of the relationship between humans and horses, said rider Fairland Ferguson at a media event Thursday.

"It's only natural to start with a baby. At the end, you bring it back to the baby horses, which brings you back full circle. (After) all the stuff we just saw with these horses, they start off so delicate and new, tender and little. It gives you an overall appreciation," she said, adding that the horses won't be trained, but will be sold to caring homes after their run is over.

Precious cargo

- If the horses are being transported for more than a three-hour drive, they are flown in a cargo 747.
- The show holds some impressive statistics: 48 horses, with 16 stallions and 32 geldings.
- It works with 11 different breeds with origins from around the world — including some from right here in the capital region.

All horses at Cavalia are purchased before riders are chosen to join the crew, ensuring that the rider and horse can establish a strong relationship. All the acts are based on rider and horse ability.

"Everyone is very different and it's really based on the time with the animal, patience, respect and things like that," Ferguson said.

"Horses very rarely have problems; it's normally rider error. We keep that philosophy here at Cavalia, and we really try to weed out bad riders."

The show has been extended until Oct. 7 due to strong ticket sales.

Cavalia opens on Sept. 11 and runs until Oct. 7 at a specially-constructed tent on the grounds of the City Centre airport. CONTRIBUTED

Rider Julien Beaugnon shows off Liberty at a media preview for Cavalia on Thursday. LAURIE CALLSEN/METRO

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Autopsy confirms man was victim of a homicide

Fatal gunshot wound. Police looking for information on three possible suspects

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An autopsy confirmed Thursday that 25-year-old Bogdan Pamfil was the victim of a homicide Tuesday night.

The autopsy found that Pamfil died of a gunshot wound in his Edmonton apartment. Police were called on the initial report of shots being fired shortly after 7:15 p.m. Tuesday.

When they arrived they found Pamfil in the basement mechanical room of the apartment building.

Police spokesperson Scott Pattison said officers are still looking for any information about this crime.

"The investigation is in its preliminary stages, but we haven't had many tips on the case so far."

Pattison said they are looking for anyone who might have been in the area in the hour leading up to the shooting.

He said they have a report of three people, of indeterminate gender with dark skin, leaving the scene shortly after the shooting.

"We believe that they were leaving the scene in a silver four-door sedan," said Pattison.

The sedan was a late 1990s or early 2000s model and two of the suspects were wearing black hoodies, while the third was wearing a beige hoodie.

Anyone with any information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 800-222-8477 or the Edmonton police tips line at 780-423-4567.

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Bogdan Pamfil's death marks Edmonton's 19th homicide of the year. At this time last year there had been 35.

- Police do not believe his killing was random.

An autopsy confirmed Thursday the man found dead in this apartment building Tuesday evening was the victim of a homicide. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

Documentary profiles Eskimos hopefuls

A new documentary called Hail Mary, airing next week on Citytv, profiles athletes hoping to make the cut with the Edmonton Eskimos. CONTRIBUTED

A new documentary profiling players who hope to join the Edmonton Eskimos will take viewers and fans behind the scenes of the game and into the hearts of the athletes.

Hail Mary, premiering Sept. 15 on Citytv, follows six Edmonton Eskimos hopefuls from open tryouts in May 2012 until the season opener in June.

"The real challenge for us as a production team was to try and make sure you're following people that possibly had a chance to make it," said producer David Benson of Anaïd Productions.

Edmonton Eskimos president Len Rhodes was eager to jump on board when the series was first pitched earlier this year, but only on the condition that the show would be 100 per cent authentic.

"It had to be of high quality, had to capture our players in real-life moments — the highs and lows of going through the process of trying to make the team," Rhodes told Metro.

He added the show will be eye-opening not just for Eskimos fans, but also for those without a deep love for the sport.

"People watching this series will see more than just a player in a uniform, they're going to see a human being and understand the personality and the characteristics behind these individuals and get closer to them," he said.

The half-hour episodes of Hail Mary will air on Fridays at 10 p.m. and will be available to watch online the next day.

LAURIE CALLSEN/METRO

Charity football

Edmonton police take on Eskimos

Edmonton's finest are taking on the Eskimos' greatest during a football match Saturday to raise money for Northern Alberta Make-a-Wish Foundation.

Kickoff is at 3 p.m. at Clarke Stadium, and the game roster includes alumni such as Gizmo Williams and current coaching staff such as Kavis Reed. Tickets are $5 for adults and $10 for a family at the gates.

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Distracted-driving law

Solicitor general not sold on demerits for distracted driving

Provincial officials are planning to review Alberta's one-year-old distracted driving law but the solicitor general and justice minister are not sold on taking on demerit points.

Jonathan Denis' comments Thursday came after Calgary police Chief Rick Hanson made it know earlier this month that he wants such a penalty added to every $173 fine issued for activities behind the wheel like texting, reading and personal grooming.

Hanson said motorists paid attention when the law was initially rolled out in September 2011 but they're not heeding it now. He plans to raise the idea of adding demerits to the legislation at a November meeting of the Alberta Association of Police Chiefs.

But when asked about demerits earlier this month, Denis said it didn't want to turn the province into a "nanny state," and added that legislation takes time to gain general public acceptance.

On Thursday, he maintained a similar position.

"I am not convinced that (demerits are) the way to go right now," he said. "I want to look at the stats ... I support the law but let's just take a measured approach."

Edmonton police handed out 3,582 tickets from Sept 1, 2011, to the end of July 2012.

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Vinyl and Oil City Roadhouse, two nightclubs owned by Mike Stang, are shutting their doors as of Sept. 2, staff learned Wednesday. LAURIE CALLSEN/METRO

Popular nightclubs closing doors: Staff

Shut down. The clubs stopped operation as of Sept. 2, according to an email sent to Metro

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Two busy downtown Edmonton nightclubs — Vinyl and Oil City Roadhouse — are closing their doors this month after becoming financially unsustainable, a staff member said Thursday.

Hector Castro, assistant manager at Oil City, told Metro via email that staff for Vinyl and Oil City received an email from owner Mike Stang yesterday afternoon stating that the companies were stopping operation as of Sept. 2.

"The premises have been surrendered to the landlord. Financially these companies were unable to operate or continue and will cease to exist," said the email Castro forwarded to Metro.

Ayoub Ayoub, who owns the Queen Donair location next door to the nightclubs, was devastated at the news.

"That's bad news. I just did renovations … because of them," he said.

"I'm shocked, I don't know what I can say. Wow. I've been working for ten years and it's just gone," he said.

Stang, who bought the properties earlier this year, has yet to comment on the closure.

'Shocked'

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Ayoub Ayoub
Queen Donair owner, located next to the nightclubs

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Changes to paid park and ride at Stadium LRT Station on hold

Wait and see. Councillors choose to keep 60 paid parking stalls and revisit issue with option of eliminating more stalls

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City council is taking a wait-and-see approach as it decided to delay any major changes to the park and ride stalls at the Stadium LRT station.

At Executive Committee meeting Wednesday, councillors chose to drop the 100-plus paid parking stalls at the station to just 60, with plans to monitor usage and decide whether to eliminate a further 20 paid stalls down the road.

"I'm satisfied to watch it for now, but it doesn't serve anyone to have 20 stalls going empty, that can't be used because they're designated as paid stalls," said Coun. Tony Caterina. "As the city grows, we're going to need to re-visit how we encourage people to move from home to work."

Erik Backstrom, senior planner with the city's Transit Oriented Development (TED), said his department's proposal to cut some of the paid park and ride stalls in the northern portion of the Stadium LRT station to make room for other development, wasn't met with enthusiasm from Executive Committee.

"Even with the amount of vacant and under-utilized land in the area, the mayor and others expressed concern that there is already enough happening in the inner city — the sense is to wait to see if the desire and demand for development grows," said Backstrom.

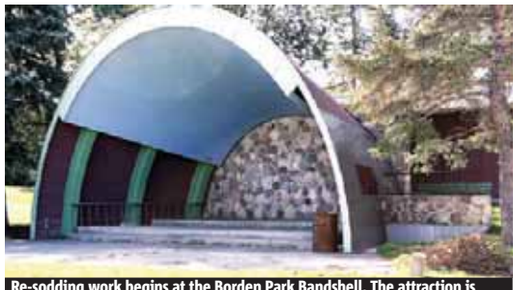
Council ruled against changing the paid park and ride at the Stadium LRT station Thursday. METRO FILE

Historic designation in works for bandshell

She's like a once grand old lady — figuring prominently in the early history of Edmonton — and she deserves some respect.

That's what city Coun. Tony Caterina is hoping, as his ward's Borden Park Bandshell awaits designation as a municipal historic resource. Following tentative approval at council's executive committee meeting Wednesday, the proposal goes to council for a final approval next week.

The designation will mean some $36,000 toward restorative work on the stone and wood structure, which is also part of the Borden Park revitalization project now underway. New sidewalks are already being poured throughout the park, and fresh sod is replacing a water feature removed from in front of the bandshell.


Re-sodding work begins at the Borden Park Bandshell. The attraction is awaiting historic designation from city council. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

"I'm so pleased we'll be going ahead with this," said Caterina. "This park used to be a focus in the city — it's important to our history and deserves to be recognized."

The band shell was once a gathering spot for weekday concerts and Sunday picnics, used by thousands in the Edmonton of the 1920s and 30s.

Fair grounds, afternoon tea, a swimming pool and baseball field were further draws to the mature neighbourhood.

Caterina said the bandshell and entire park have been largely unused since the 1950s, when other city attractions lured residents away.

As part of neighbourhood revitalization efforts throughout the city, Borden Park restoration work continues through 2012. Final approval for the bandshell designation is expected at the City Council meeting Sept. 12.

LUCY HAINES/FOR METRO

Historic bandshell

- Opened in 1906 and now sitting in the shadow of the racetrack at Northlands, Borden Park claims many city firsts: the first zoo, roller-coaster and streetcar service. A tunnel of love, carousel and tea room were also popular attractions in the early 1900s.
- The Borden Park Bandshell is a unique natural amphitheatre on a grassy hill within the park, available for weddings and concerts.

Northern Gateway

B.C. at hearing to make sure it will not be on the hook for spills

British Columbia's environment minister Terry Lake is sitting in on federal hearings in Edmonton for the controversial Northern Gateway pipeline, saying he wants to make sure his province is not left holding the bag in the event of an oil spill.

B.C. Premier Christy Clark has said her province won't consider signing off on the $6-billion pipeline project until its concerns on profit sharing and safety are met. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Prince Harry

No investigation for naked pictures

Britain's press watchdog said Thursday it will not for now open an investigation into a tabloid's publication of nude photos of Prince Harry because royal officials have not filed a formal complaint.

The Sun was Britain's only national newspaper to carry the pictures of Harry frolicking in the nude with an unidentified woman in Las Vegas after the images appeared online and drew international attention.

The Press Complaints Commission said it received around 3,800 complaints after The Sun published the pictures, but royal officials were not among those filing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Making tracks

Signs of Curiosity can already be seen from space

NASA's robotic rover Curiosity is making its mark on Mars. Its tracks are big enough to be seen from space. In just one month, it's driven 112 metres on the red planet. Curiosity's slightly zig-zaggy tire tracks were photographed by a NASA satellite circling Mars. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Curiosity's tracks have been photographed from space. AP PHOTO

Coverup accusation

Suicide note kept away from family for 14 months

A Canadian soldier's suicide note was withheld from his parents for 14 months by military police in what Cpl. Stuart Langridge's stepfather calls a calculated deception.

Shaun Fynes, in his second day of testimony before a public inquiry, said he believes his son's last communication was kept back to protect the military.

"My son had (post-traumatic stress disorder), he was in pain and he couldn't take it anymore," Fynes testified Thursday. "That was the truth of that note and that was part of the coverup." THE CANADIAN PRESS

16 charges for alleged PQ gunman

First-degree murder. Weapon was legally registered long gun; Bain also hit with arson accusation

The man accused in the deadly shooting at a Parti Québécois gathering was slapped with 16 criminal charges on Thursday, including first-degree murder, three counts of attempted murder and arson.

The weapon used in the shooting was a legally registered long gun and was part of a broader arsenal of arms that were nearly all registered, authorities said.

None of the charges relates to premier-designate Pauline Marois, who was giving her victory speech Tuesday night when the shooting occurred. However, prosecuting attorneys said additional charges could be added.

Suspect Richard Henry Bain appeared to face the charges in a high-security courtroom behind protective glass.

Bain was represented by a legal-aid lawyer. She did not request a psychiatric evaluation for her client.

His case returns to court on Oct. 11.

Bain, who turns 62 this weekend, arrived at the courthouse in the back seat of a police vehicle as media waited outside.

The only images of him circulating so far had been from the turbulent scene outside the Metropolis club, after one man was killed and another was injured during a political celebration.

Little is known about the fishing-camp owner and what possible motivations police might have identified for the shooting on election night.

A man burst into the back of the club and shot two people, killing a stage technician. A work colleague says the victim, Denis Blanchette, had replaced her earlier in the day because she wanted to vote and pick up her daughter at school.

Police say the suspect then lit a fire in back of the club before he was tackled to the ground. Several weapons were confiscated — including the long gun allegedly used in the shooting. As he was being whisked to the police vehicle, Bain shouted, "The English are waking up." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Isaac makes it rain indoors

Insulation hangs from ceilings and water drips from the attic as Darryl Dragon walks through his devastated home after floodwaters from Hurricane Isaac receded in Braithwaite, La., Thursday. Water rose into the attic during the storm. GERALD HERBERT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Zimbabwe. Nurses return to hospital, still face trial

Eight nurses arrested on allegations of inciting violent protests against the firing of a Canadian doctor from hospital have been allowed to return to their posts, Zimbabwe court officials said Thursday.

Officials said the nurses and 12 others accused of staging the protests are to reappear in court on Sept. 24 on charges carrying a penalty of imprisonment or a fine. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bank robbers get away. Used 'bomb' as weapon

Two masked gunmen got away after a Los Angeles bank heist in which they strapped what they said was a bomb to the bank manager's midsection and ordered employees to "take out all the money."

The robbers took an undisclosed amount of cash from a Bank of America branch Wednesday, but no one was injured. No arrests had been made as of Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Fracking blamed for B.C. quakes. Gas extraction caused tremors: Regulator

A spate of small earthquakes in B.C.'s remote northeastern corner were caused by a controversial technique used to extract natural gas from shale rock, says a report by the province's energy regulator.

The B.C. oil-and-gas commission launched its probe after a "number of anomalous, low-level seismic events" were detected in the Horn River Basin, a gas-rich shale formation that's attracted some of the industry's biggest players.

"The investigation has concluded that the events observed within remote and isolated areas of the Horn River Basin between 2009 and 2011 were caused by fluid injection during hydraulic fracturing in proximity to pre-existing faults," the agency said in a recent report.

In order to break the rock and free the gas trapped inside of it, companies inject a combination of water, sand and chemicals underground at high pressure.

The process, known as hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, has drawn concern from environmentalists and landowners for the amount of water the process requires and for potential contamination of groundwater.

Studies have also linked fracking to earthquakes around shale formations in England and Oklahoma.

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Lethal injection

U.S. judge gives hope to Albertan on death row

A Red Deer man who is fighting for his life on Montana's death row scored a minor legal victory Thursday after a judge declared the state's method of execution unconstitutional. The American Civil Liberties Union filed a civil lawsuit in 2008 on behalf of Ronald Smith that argued the lethal injections the state uses are cruel and unusual punishment and violate the right to human dignity. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hurricane is, like, totally tubular for N.S. surfers

A surfer rides the waves in Seaforth, Nova Scotia, on Thursday. The ocean swell is starting to increase due to Hurricane Leslie, which could hit Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador early next week.

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Bill charms Democrats

Party's keeping up with the Clintons

Bill Clinton's speech to the Democratic National Convention may also have started setting the stage for another White House bid by his wife, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton. The former president portrayed Barack Obama as a sensible pragmatist who put aside political grudges for the good of the U.S.

"He appointed cabinet members who supported Hillary in the primaries. Heck, he even appointed Hillary!" Clinton said. "I'm so proud of her."

The former president didn't mention his wife again, but the subtext was clear: The Clintons remain a force in the Democratic Party.

Obama's defeat of Hillary Clinton in a battle for the Democratic nomination in 2008 left considerable bitterness on both sides. Clinton's endorsement Wednesday night represented the final reconciliation between the Democratic heavyweights.

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Vietnam. Church of Scientology treats victims of Agent Orange

Vietnamese with ailments linked to Agent Orange are undergoing a detoxification treatment involving saunas and vitamins that was developed by the Church of Scientology and which has been criticized as pseudoscientific.

Scientologists use the Hubbard Method to try to cure drug addiction and alcoholism. The church set up a centre in New York after the 9-11 attacks offering a similar service for first responders who may have been exposed to toxins.

A group of 24 people arrived for treatment at a military hospital in Hanoi for a month, free of charge, Dau Xuan Tuong, deputy administrator at the Vietnam Association of Agent Orange Victims, said Thursday.

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Dangerous chemicals

- **War.** The U.S. military dumped some 75 million litres of Agent Orange and other herbicides on about a quarter of former South Vietnam between 1962 and 1971 to remove the foliage that concealed enemy fighters.

Criminal complaint

Pit-bull attack leads to several charges

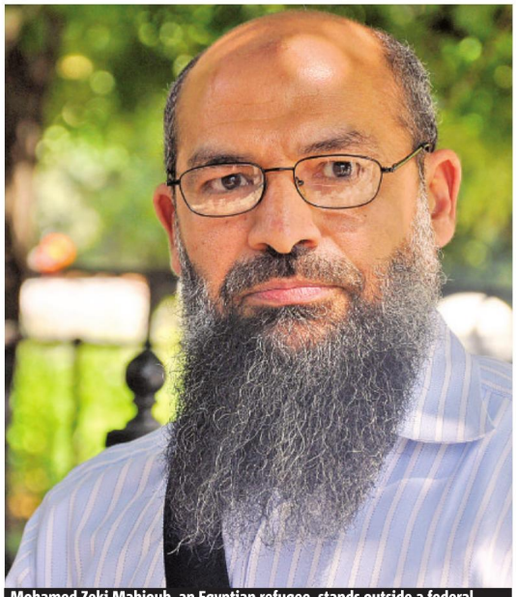
Two men accused of hanging a teenage boy by the ankles and ordering a pit-bull dog to bite him each face several felony charges including battery and false imprisonment in Fond Du Lac, Wis.

One of the suspects is the boy's father.

Joel E. Kennedy, 43, was charged Thursday along with another man, Richard R. Lisko, 58.

A criminal complaint says Kennedy's 18-year-old son told investigators that Lisko and his father accused him Friday of stealing drugs and coins at Lisko's house.

Stockwell Day testifies in security-certificate case



Mohamed Zeki Mahjoub, an Egyptian refugee, stands outside a federal courthouse on Thursday in Toronto. Former public safety minister Stockwell Day was testifying at his national-security certificate hearing, defending his position of trying to deport Mahjoub as a terrorism threat.

MICHELLE SHEPHARD/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Court. Proceeding sheds light on how the federal government decides when they deem someone a terrorist risk

A former federal cabinet minister told an Ontario court Thursday he had been warned there was no way of knowing whether information in a national security certificate used to detain accused terrorist Mohamed Mahjoub was obtained through torture.

Former public safety minister Stockwell Day said he signed the security certificate in February 2008 following "numerous" discussions and inquiry with intelligence and border officials.

Testifying by videolink from Vancouver, Day said the former director of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service gave him a memo stating that it was "difficult, if not impossible" to determine if the information used as evidence was torture-derived because some of it had come from countries with a reputation of employing those practices.

The federal government is trying to deport the Egyptian-born man using a national security certificate — a rarely used immigration tool for deporting non-Canadians considered a risk to the country — claiming he was a high-ranking member of an Islamic terrorist organization with links to Osama Bin Laden.

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Mahjoub's arrest

- **Law revamped.** Mohamed Mahjoub was arrested in June 2000 based on secret evidence. But CSIS had to start over after the Supreme Court of Canada ruled the certificate process unconstitutional in 2007 and the government subsequently revamped the law.

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Philippine police charge N.B. woman with murder in husband's death

Beach-resort killing. Investigators believe wife helped hire men to shoot Harry Doyle

Police in the Philippines have charged a New Brunswick man's wife with murder after the 62-year-old was shot dead in the southeast Asian country last month.

Martin Gamba, a spokesman for the police force, says Jane Doyle and three men in the Philippines have been charged with murder in the fatal shooting of Harry Doyle of Fredericton at a beach resort in Surigao City on Aug. 12.

"We are going to request the Canadian government to have his wife extradited back to the Philippines," Gamba said Thursday.

However, he said prosecutors still need to secure arrest warrants before they can make that request — a process he said could take 30 to 45 days.

Gamba said investigators believe the wife and Doyle's driver hired two men to kill Doyle.

Doyle could not be reached for comment and her lawyer did not return a message.

But in an interview in Thursday's edition of the Fredericton Daily Gleaner, Doyle said she feels she is being "dragged down" and wants to tell her side of the story in the presence of her lawyer.

Gamba said police in the Philippines are monitoring the three suspects in that country to make sure they don't leave.

Fredericton police Const. Danielle Carmichael said no one has contacted the department about an extradition request for Doyle.

Carmichael also said police have no authority to monitor her in the meantime.

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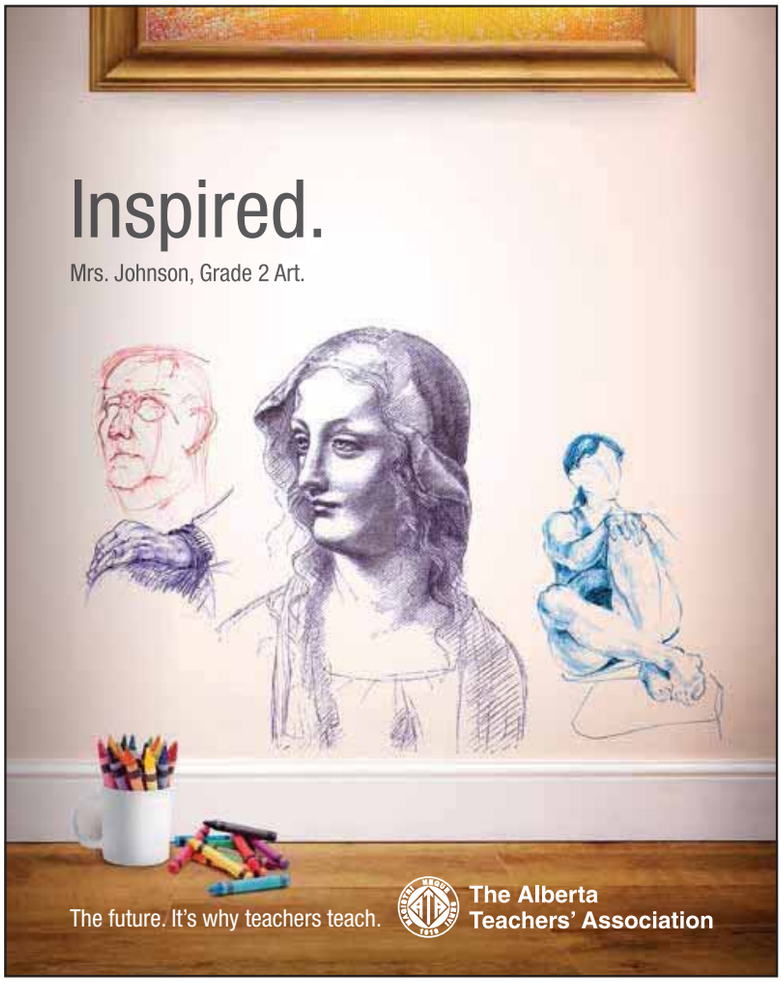

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Obama urges voters to stick with him for four more years

Democratic convention. U.S. president's task ahead of election is to woo substantial bloc of independent voters in key swing states who will determine outcome of election

U.S. President Barack Obama implored recession-weary Americans to grant him second term on Thursday in an address that stood in stark contrast to the message of hope he delivered four years ago.

"When all is said and done — when you pick up that ballot to vote — you will face the clearest choice of any time in a generation," said Obama, his wife and two daughters looking on, as he officially accepted his party's nomination at the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, N.C.

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"The path we offer may be harder, but it leads to a better place. And I'm asking you to choose that future."

U.S. President Barack Obama

"It will be a choice between two different paths for America. A choice between two fundamentally different visions for the future."

Obama acknowledged the path he's offering Americans won't be quick or easy.

"You didn't elect me to tell you what you wanted to hear. You elected me to tell you the truth. And the truth is, it will take more than a few years for us to solve challenges that have built up over decades."

Nonetheless, he said, there is light at the end of the tunnel.

"Know this, America: Our problems can be solved. Our challenges can be met."

After a first term bogged down by a devastating economic recession and Republican efforts to deny him four more years, Obama is now urging Americans to stay the course.

Some of the heaviest hitters of the Democratic party have been on hand all week to deliver the same message to Americans: Vote for Obama on Nov. 6 to enable him to continue turning the country's fortunes around.

On Thursday, Vice-President Joe Biden spoke of his perspective from a "ringside seat" in the Oval Office.

"Osama bin Laden is dead and General Motors is alive," Biden exclaimed to cheering Democratic delegates.

"Day after day, night after night, I sat beside him as he made one gutsy decision after another to stop the (economic) slide and reverse it."

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U.S. President Barack Obama speaks on stage during the final day of the Democratic National Convention at Time Warner Cable Arena on Thursday in Charlotte, N.C. JOE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES

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Liberals reveal rules for leadership race

Campaign. Some fear leadership decision could be swamped by casual observers, non-Liberals, political provocateurs or embarrassing aliases

The Liberal party is casting its doors wide open in a bid to have what interim chief Bob Rae calls "the broadest-based leadership contest in the history of the country."

Minnie Mouse, however, need not apply — either as a candidate or as a voter.

Campaign rules announced by the party Thursday appear designed to discourage penny-ante political gadflies and reward candidates with muscular fundraising skills, while simultaneously inviting as many Canadians as possible to cast a ballot next April 14.

With the once-mighty Big Red Machine down to 35 seats and third-party status in the House of Commons, many Liberals feel the party has to get this leadership race right.

A new class of non-dues-paying "supporters" has been created, a decision made last winter after intense debate at a national policy convention.

Candidates will be able to recruit paying party members or non-paying supporters up to 41 days before decision day.

"I had Minnie Mouse's support in 2006," Rae, a two-time federal leadership contender, quipped. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Interim Liberal Leader Bob Rae.
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Ottawa

Restaurant co-owner found guilty in criminal libel case

A co-owner of an Ottawa restaurant was found guilty Thursday of sending a lewd email and creating a fake adult dating website profile of a customer who left a negative online review of the establishment in 2009.

Marisol Simoes was charged with two counts of defamatory libel after customer Elayna Katz accused Simoes of sending emails to her employer — the Federation of Canadian Municipalities — which described her as a "tiger in the bedroom."

Katz said she had a negative experience at the Mambo Nuevo Latino restaurant on May 28, 2009 and never was able to speak with Simoes about the bad service.

Simoes was also accused of taking a photo of Katz from a photo-sharing website to create a fake profile on adultcyberdating.com.

In her decision, Justice Lahaie said the Crown proved beyond a reasonable doubt the identity of the person who sent those emails and created the website profile.

Simoes was the only person "with a strong motivation" to commit these offences, Lahaie said.

Simoes will be sentenced on Nov. 8.

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Second Canadian recession still possible: Moody's

Debt. Study finds that consumer spending may drop as debt-to-income ratio hits record high

There is more than a 20 per cent risk of Canada falling into a second recession — and though much of that risk comes from outside our borders, Canadians' sky high debt loads could push the economy over the edge, warns a new report from Moody's Analytics.

With debt-to-income ratios at an all-time high around 150 per cent, Canadians have stretched themselves to the limit since the recession and have left little head room to buffer against another economic downturn, Moody's suggests in the report released Thursday.

"With the economy now relying heavily on the continued expansion of household spending, any retrenchment in the consumer sector will likely place the economy on the brink of a second recession," the report's authors say.

The study — "Storm Clouds Gather Around Canadian Consumer Credit" — says while Canada has managed to outperform other G7 countries since the recession it has been propped up by consumer spending, while exports continue to lag.

Statistics Canada reported last week that the economy grew at an annual rate of 1.8 per cent in the second quarter. That beat analyst expectations, but it was the third quarter in a row for sluggish performance below two per cent.

And there is potential for exports to further weaken, given the very real possibility that Europe's debt crisis could deepen and spill over to other countries, and the fiscal crisis that Canada's largest trading partner, the U.S., is also facing. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Causes

- **Debt.** Due to record debts accrued over the first recession, domestic spending is unlikely to support the economy.
- **Jobs.** Income from exports with trade partners are not materializing, leading to weaker jobs.
- **Income.** Income growth has slowed as interest rates are expected to rise.

Amazon redoubles efforts to fight Apple with new Kindle Fire

Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos unveils new Kindle reading devices at a press conference on Thursday in Santa Monica, Calif. Amazon is updating its Kindle Fire tablet computer, as it steps up competition with Apple's iPad, and refreshing its whole line of Kindle gadgets. The basic model will cost $159 US, down from $199 for the old model. It will start shipping Sept. 14, though there are no immediate plans for a Canadian launch. It's also coming with high-end versions, including ones with a screen nearly as large as the iPad. Amazon also refreshed its line of stand-alone e-readers. Called Paperwhite, the new e-reader model has a black-and-white screen. PHOTOS BY DAVID MCNEW/GETTY IMAGES

Hungary

PM unfriends IMF on Facebook

Hungary's prime minister has just used Facebook to unfriend the International Monetary Fund.

Viktor Orban said Thursday in a brief video message on his official Facebook page that Hungary could not accept alleged conditions such as pension cuts and the elimination of a disputed bank tax in exchange for a loan of around $15 billion US. Orban said his government would work on an "alternative negotiation proposal" but that a deal under such IMF demands would be unacceptable. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Flying fuel

Delta looks to buy cheaper oil

Delta Air Lines Inc. is looking into buying cheaper crude oil from North Dakota to supply its new refinery, instead of the more expensive crude from overseas that the refinery has used in the past. Delta bought the refinery near Philadelphia earlier this year to cut its fuel expenses by $300 million US per year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Mortgage restrictions. TD Bank says new rules may cool housing market

TD Bank says tighter mortgage rules should do the job of cooling Canada's hot housing market in the short term, but higher interest rates will be needed to return the market to saner levels.

The bank's chief economist Craig Alexander estimates the new rules, which went into effect July 9, will shave five percentage points off sales activity and cut prices by three per cent on average during the second half of this year and early 2013.

In the next three years, he expects the combination of the tighter rules and anticipated modest increases in interest rates will result in a 10 per cent price correction on homes.

While it is early, there are already tentative signs that the new rules have tempered sales, if not prices, especially in the country's hottest markets — Toronto and Vancouver.

In July, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty reduced the amortization rate on new insured mortgages to 25 years from 30, bringing the maximum period for paying off a home back to the historic level. It was the fourth time Flaherty had tightened mortgage rules in as many years.

Alexander says the latest moves, which hike mortgage costs by $140 a month on the average priced home, may be even more effective than the previous efforts in slowing the market.

But if the experience of the previous three moves are any guide, the slowdown will be temporary, lasting a few quarters, after which Canadians will dive back into the market.

For a lasting solution, Alexander said Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney will need to hike interest rates to make borrowing more difficult and expensive. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Housing sales

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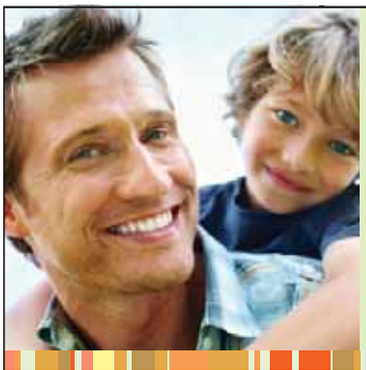

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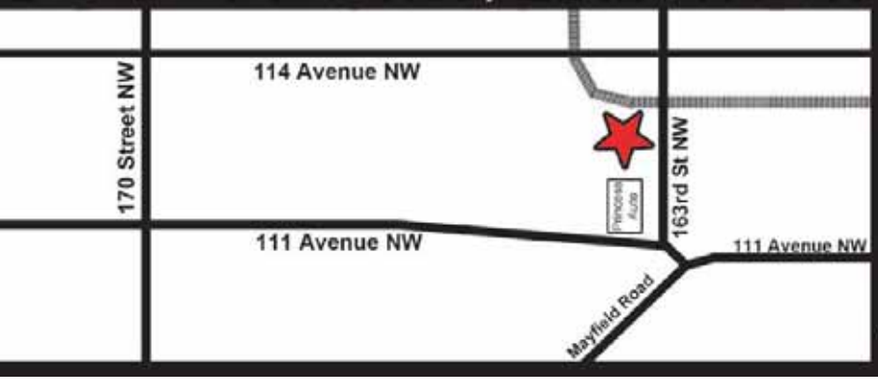

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Old theatre seeks new equipment

Thom Reeves, owner of the Isis movie theatre, treads a roll of 35 mm film in the projection room in Crete, Neb. The Isis Theatre hasn't changed much since it opened 86 years ago, but as the movie industry phases out the traditional 35 mm film reels in favour of digital media, the Isis' owner must come up with $85,000 to buy new projection equipment, computers, a sound system and even a different screen.

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Canadians saving, but not enough

Survey results. Nearly half of Canadians live paycheque to paycheque

A new survey suggests fewer Canadians are living from paycheque to paycheque, and more are putting money aside for a rainy day or retirement.

But there are still a large number that would face difficulties after one week of not receiving their cheques, and savings rates remain low, the results show.

The survey by the Canadian Payroll Association found 47 per cent saying they would be in financial dire straits if their pay was delayed just one week.

That is a worrying number, said the group, but significantly lower than the 57 per cent that reported such a thin margin of financial security last year.

Also, 66 per cent of the 3,500 employees from across Canada that participated in the survey said they are trying to save more, up from 40 per cent in last year's results.

CPA chairman Caroline Bernard said this year's results are encouraging, but Canadians still face financial challenges.

"Only 13 per cent have saved half or more of their retirement funds goal," she said.

In fact, the survey shows Canadians realize that in these difficult economic times and low rates of return, they will have to sock away more money than in the past for retirement.

Only 34 per cent of Canadians now believe that savings of between $500,000 and $1 million will support a comfortable retirement, while 38 per cent believe between $1 and $3 million will be required.

Although more Canadians say they are saving, they are not saving enough. Almost half said they are putting away five per cent or less of their pay, about half what financial planners recommend. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Debt

152%

The latest data show household debt hit a record 152 per cent of disposable income in the first quarter of this year.

Wine rules

EU regulates wine claims

The European Union's highest court says wines cannot make assertions like "easily digestible" since it is a health claim unbefitting alcoholic drinks. Thursday's ruling means that the Germany's Deutsches Weintor co-operative will have to change the labels on its Dornfelder and Burgunder wines which it described as "mild edition" with "gentle acidity." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

European Central Bank

Bank to buy bonds to help countries

The European Central Bank unveiled its most ambitious plan yet to ease Europe's financial crisis with a plan to buy unlimited amounts of government bonds to help lower borrowing costs for countries struggling to manage their debts. Large-scale purchases of short-term bonds would drive up their price and push down their interest rate, taking some pressure off of financially stressed governments such as Spain and Italy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Detroit

Ford defies trend with new cars

Ford Motor Co. on Thursday unveiled 15 new or restyled vehicles for the European market that it will launch over five years to revive slumping sales. While other carmakers are holding back on new car launches due to tanking European demand, Ford executives announced that the Detroit carmaker will accelerate new car launches, expanding its lineup of SUVs, restyling the hot-selling Fiesta, redesigning its commercial vehicles and launching the iconic Mustang sports car in Europe. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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1 **I am woman, hear me roar, in French.** Note to newly elected Quebec premier Pauline Marois: First, please know that there is no adequate French term for "Smoked meat" or "Bagels." Second, if you achieve your goal of separation, whose picture goes on the money? Celine Dion? Guy Lafleur? Give it some thought.

2 **Spare the rod.** The Canadian Medical Association Journal says it's time to repeal Criminal Code Section 43, which allows parents to physically discipline their children. Apparently, several bills to ban corporal punishment have failed in the House of Commons as recently as 2008. If this is true, where are these parents when these kids are kicking my seat on the plane?

3 **Growing up Disney.** Selena Gomez sheds her wholesome image in the new film Spring Breakers. The movie apparently features scantily clad girls doing drugs, which Gomez admits may be "shocking" to her fans. Now, Selena is adorable, but I'd consider it "shocking" to see her in a movie I actually wanted to watch.

4 **Monkey business.** Wildlife trading on the web has now reached dangerous proportions. As a result, more than 7,500 species of animals are at risk of extinction. Sites like eBay are being asked to implement stricter regulations, but I'm more interested in the delivery. I can barely find an Xpresspost box to send my mom a coat, but people are shipping rhinoceros? That's gotta be a lot of stamps.

5 **Day job.** Former football star Michael Strahan fulfilled his 2008 prophecy by becoming Kelly Ripa's new co-host. After winning the Super Bowl, Regis Philbin asked what he wanted to do next. Strahan replied: "Your job looks pretty good." I've used that line at every job interview, and it has never worked.

6 **Get Smart-phone.** Millions of Apple device IDs, which track user activity, were uncovered by hackers on an FBI agent's laptop. The news sparked tremendous public outcry regarding what American's claim is a breach of privacy. Government officials across the country were surprised to hear that the term "privacy" was still in use.

7 **TIFF is back with a vengeance.** A little Shakespeare here, some Tolstoy there, and a Spike Lee documentary about Michael Jackson. I've got my eyes on Jack Kerouac's On the Road starring the princess of pout, Kristen Stewart. Mostly because I was never intoxicated enough to finish the book, but also because Stewart might be one relationship question away from an epic hissy fit that could make YouTube history, and it would be nice to see it happen in Canada.

8 **CIFF, not TIFF.** There's a buzz surrounding a film that will be unveiled at the Calgary International Film Festival. Mr. Viral is a dark comedy thriller about viral marketing that's been described as Mad Men meets Fight Club. In a novel attempt to raise money, producers offered subliminal photo placement to small online investors, so don't be surprised if you leave the theatre with the mysterious urge to call your ex-girlfriend.

9 **Long and Winding Road.** On this day in 1964, The Beatles played two shows at the old Montreal Forum, in English.

Kelly Ripa and Michael Strahan
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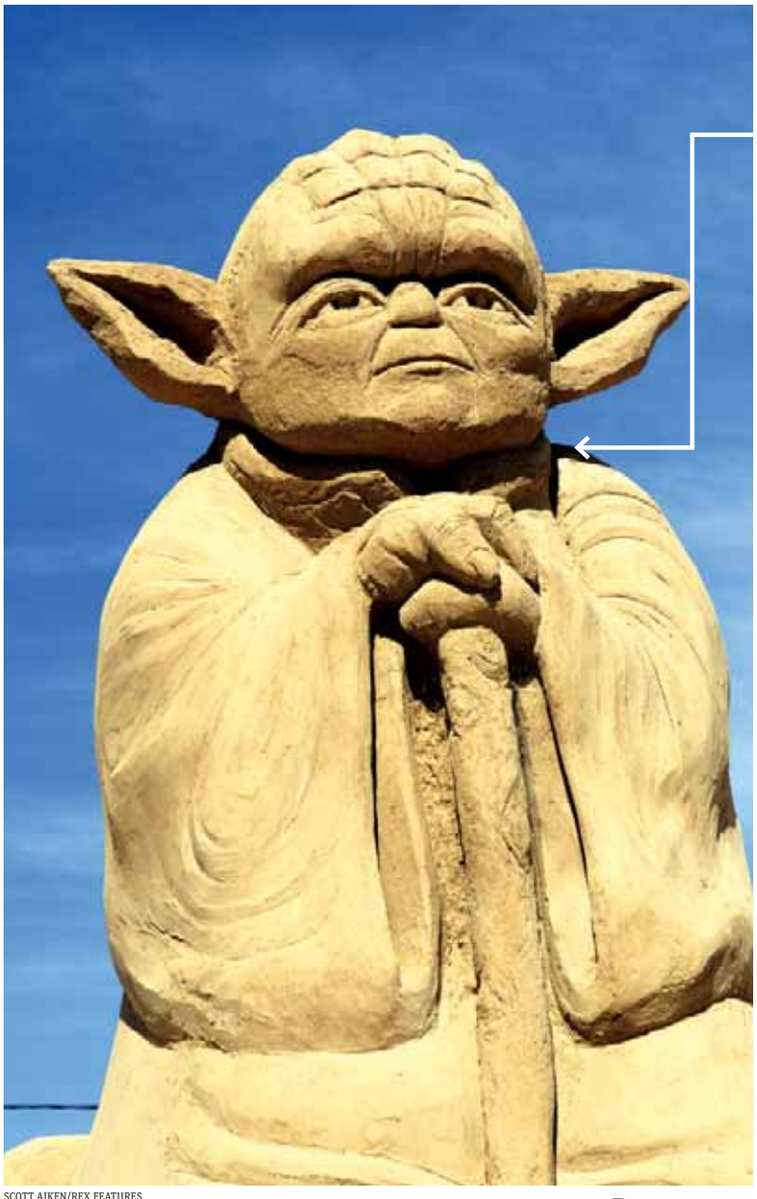

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The sand championships

Jedi master Yoda gets a holiday makeover at the FIESA 2012 International Sand Sculpture Festival in Portugal. It is the largest such festival in the world and this is the 10th anniversary. Each year, about 60 artists take part, and this edition's theme is "Idols." Masterpieces include Michael Jackson and Portugese soccer star Eusebio. METRO

The White House at a U.S. sand show. GETTY IMAGES

Rival festivals

Portugal may have the biggest sand festival, but is it the best?

- **Harrison Hot Springs.** Canadian site that has hosted World Championships.
- **Weston-super-Mare.** U.K. event has taken place since 2005, but was vandalized this year.

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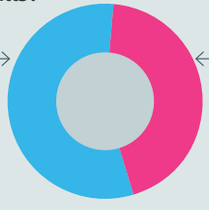

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A film about the beauty of language should be better written than The Words. HANDOUT

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Story falls flat in film about storytelling

The Words. Flimsy characters, an ending filled with ennui and a pretentious premise make this movie about a novelist one to miss

Richard: Mark, words fail me. Or should I say, The Words failed me. A movie about the beauty of language should be better written than this. Let's put aside the bizarre story-within-a-story-within-a-movie structure for a second and focus on the words themselves. We are supposed to believe the Dennis Quaid character is a master wordsmith, but when he reads from his book it's as if he's reciting a police report. "And on a Friday afternoon, they were married at City Hall. They honeymooned in Paris." Where's the art in that?

Mark: Well, Richard, maybe the Quaid character is a Hemingway acolyte. And there are numerous references to him in the film. But what the movie is about is the power of storytelling. So how about this? Just tell the story! What is the purpose of the Quaid framing device except to show off Olivia Wilde's doe eyed frozen smirk?

RC: Perhaps it was seen as another opportunity for different characters to mouth platitudes. The blurred line between real life and fiction could have been an interesting plot device, but instead is just pretentious and dull. Are we supposed to take any of this seriously when the deepest any character gets is to tell us that great artists must choose between life and fiction? "They're very close, but they're two different things." Thanks for clearing that up.

MB: The movie actually sucked me in for the first half. Then it just sucked. I liked Jeremy Irons but I found that everyone's motivations were completely phony. And doesn't Bradley Cooper know that Paul Dano has the franchise rights to playing struggling novelists this year? And for a movie that's all about the gift of narrative, could someone have written an ending?

RC: I hate to just pile up on this movie, but it doesn't leave me with many options. Irons has something going until he says, "Wait, this is when it gets interesting." If only he were right. It's all just so earnest and poorly told, as if it is a lesson in how NOT to describe a writer's life. The abrupt ending didn't bother me that much. I was just glad it was over.

MB: I thought the movie was setting us up for a blackmail thriller, which would have been obvious, but nothing could have been as bad as the bloodless, whimpering ennui of the last third of this film.

Synopsis

Dennis Quaid plays Clay Hammond, a bestselling author reading from his book The Words. He spins the tale of Rory (Bradley Cooper), a struggling writer who publishes a manuscript he found tucked inside an antique briefcase. Taking credit for the words, he is forced to face his bad deed when the author of the book, an old man who lost the manuscript 50 years before, enters his life.

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Milla Jovovich likes hotel shampoo, and her job as queen zombie killer

Resident Evil franchise. Star of series talks about fifth film and the possibility of a female version of the Expendables

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Metro World News in Hollywood

Milla Jovovich is on her fifth installment of the Resident Evil franchise, and she's not about to slow down. HANDOUT

When I first see Milla Jovovich, she's carrying a handful of hotel toiletries to her bag, explaining that she's taking them home with her. "I have guest rooms, and I think it's super-chic to put them out, and then when people are finished with them, either they buy their own or they know it's time to leave," she explains. "I can obviously afford to buy shampoo, but it's a principle thing, right?" Jovovich certainly can afford any toiletries she wants, since her zombie-fighting film series is up to its fifth installment, Resident Evil: Retribution, and it shows no sign of slowing down.

When you get to the fifth film in a franchise, how do you keep track of the story?

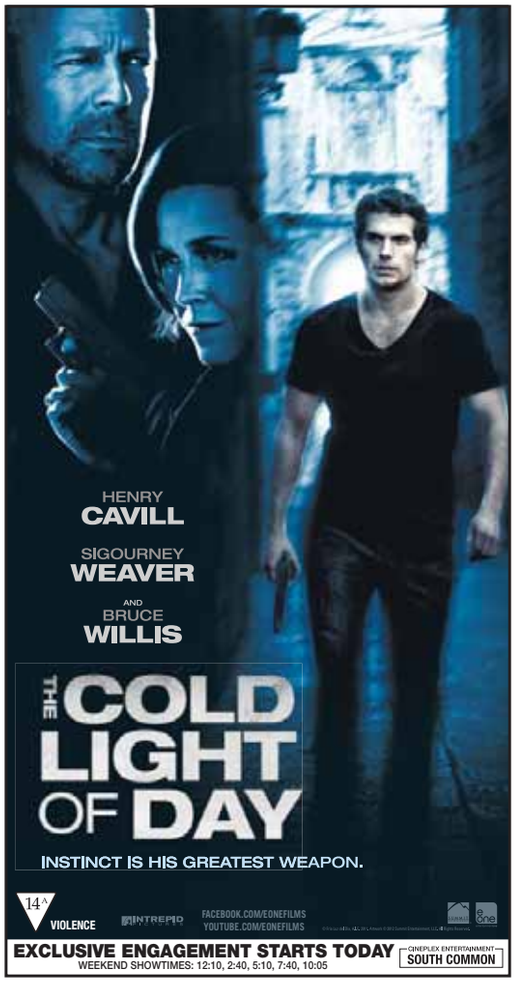
I'm married to the writer-director. That helps. Because literally, I think up until last year I totally thought Alice was the bad guy. And Paul [W.S. Anderson] was like, "No, but don't you remember in No. 1, the whole flashback sequence?" And I was like, "Are you sure?" And he's like, "I wrote the script. I think I'm sure." But pretty much there is no script. Michelle [Rodriguez] and I like to say that Paul just has a video camera and presses record. So it's pretty much like reality TV.

There's talk of an all-female version of the Expendables.

We're the ones that set it up. Paul and I have an idea for a female Expendables project, but Expendables is a very conceptual film, so how do you translate that into a female genre without being derivative? There's not that many girls that you would associate with that, do you know what I mean? There are many more guys that are known as action stars than women, so how would you make a female Expendables in that way? It's tough, but we have a really interesting idea that I won't tell you about right now, but it's really cool and it would be sort of like a female Expendables. It would be strong women taking vengeance.

Milla's Twitter rule

- **Devote the time.** "If I'm going to tweet, I need to tweet and be able to have an hour to tweet. I can't just tweet one thing and then disappear. It's a Russian thing. I'm a guilt-ridden human being, I live in guilt. Always. If I'm going to tweet, I want to chat, I want to have quality time. I could not tweet for a month, which I think is OK, but when I do tweet, I give them a good hour of my time. I don't want to be halfway there."



You won't get a must-see TIFF list out of Roger Ebert

A critic's take. World's most famous cinephile shares his memories of Toronto's fest, but won't play the 'best picks' game

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Roger Ebert has been coming to TIFF since its inception. GETTY IMAGES

Roger Ebert, the Chicago–based world's most famous film critic, has spent a considerable amount of time in Toronto.

"I've spent six months there," he wrote in a recent email exchange, "one festival at a time."

The festival that brings him to Hogtown is the Toronto International Film Festival, which kicked off its 37th year today.

In his review of Melancholia he waxed rhapsodic about the importance of TIFF.

"Toronto announces the end of a summer of often disappointing and over-inflated 'blockbusters,' and an autumn that feels like a springtime of the cinema." He wrote from experience. The Pulitzer Prize winner has been attending TIFF since its inception.

In fact, he's so familiar with TIFF he even has a nickname for the vertigo-inducing staircase at one of their premier theatres.

The "escalator of terror" he calls it.

Length of escalators aside, he is succinct when I ask about the changes he's noticed over the years.

"It's grown bigger and better," he wrote.

As for any improvements he'd like to see made?

"Most of the changes I've wished for have, in fact, been made."

He's more forthcoming when I ask how he would explain the importance of film festivals to someone who has never attended one.

"It's a way to expose yourself to the best of new world filmmaking, three to four films a day, and (equally valuable) join in the conversations before and after them and while in line. You just can't get up to speed with a couple of multiplex pictures a month."

As for advice to a TIFF newbie?

"Avoid the movies that will be opening between now and Christmas, and seek out those that sound intriguing."

He's had many intriguing festival moments over the years, so I asked him to describe his most vivid TIFF memory.

"I've never heard a more ecstatic audience reaction than at the premiere for Jason Rietman's Juno," he wrote. "That's not to say it was the best film I've ever seen at Toronto, although I loved it — but that I have an audience reaction to judge other reactions against."

There are 372 features at this year's festival, so it seemed obvious to inquire about what he was most excited to see and why.

"Oh, no. I won't play," he scolded. "I never, ever make lists, and especially of films I haven't seen."

Ira Sachs GETTY IMAGES

When personal experience becomes the stuff of movies

Autobiographical. Ira Sachs takes a 10-year relationship between two men and turns it into an award-winning film

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Filmmaker Ira Sachs bares all with his latest, Keep the Lights On, an unflinchingly autobiographical look at a decade-long relationship between two men (Thure Lindhardt and Zachary Booth) wrestling with love, compulsion and addiction in New York City.

Of course, it's not a documentary so there are some differences and fictionalizations. For starters, Sachs clearly is Danish, as the main character in the film is.

What is the attraction in drawing so directly from your own life for your films?

I kind of feel like it's all we have as artists. I mean, we have craft and we have skills and we have taste, but what we really have to offer — or what I feel I have to offer — is the things I know intimately. And I have always relied on my own experience as the base of my work.

What I generally feel is that a story becomes visible to me as a filmmaker when I have a great depth of knowledge about the story and also a certain kind of distance, which makes it possible for me to be clearheaded as a storyteller.

And you felt enough time had gone by since this relationship?

Yeah, I mean I ended a relationship in 2008, and I was aware soon after that 10 years before there had been a first day of this relationship and then somehow in between the two was a really good story.

What made you want to cast Lindhardt, a Danish actor, as your onscreen counterpart?

He was described to me as "the bravest actor in Denmark."

The material in the film, it's very open and very sexual and very naked in a lot of ways, both physically and emotionally. I had a sense that I might not be able to cast it in America.

For example, I sent the script to an agent in Hollywood who I've often sent scripts to before, and the response I got back was, "No one in our agency will be available."

The depictions of sex in the film are very frank and natural.

One of the things I liked about [cinematographer] Thimios Bakatakis' work is that sex scenes are not different scenes than a Christmas dinner or someone at work in an office.

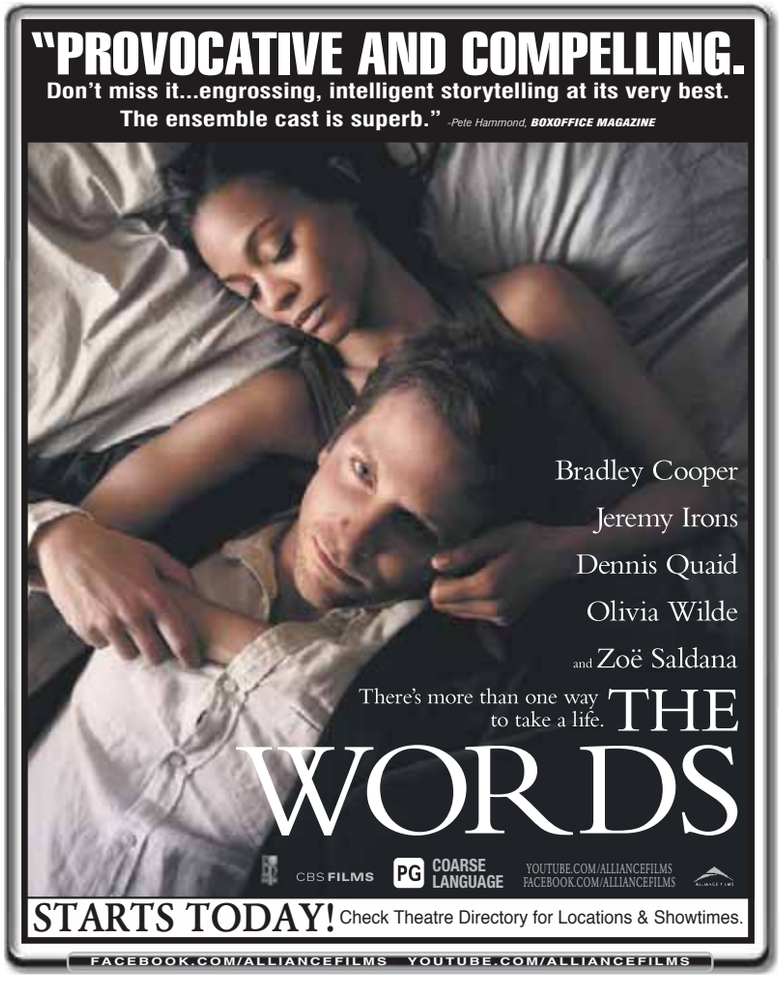
They're just other things that people do together.

And you kind of feel that in the film, that there isn't this kind of misty haze that covers the screen when people start to have sex.

In the film, the main character wins the Teddy award at the Berlin Film Festival, which this film itself went on to win. Is that an example of a successful subliminal message?

I hope that wasn't the reason [we won the Teddy], but I'm certainly glad we won. I won the Grand Jury prize at the Sundance Film Festival, and I thought that would be just too dead-on and too much about me.

I had to think of a comparable [award], and that seemed in the scale. I didn't think it seemed fair for these characters to win the Palme d'Or at Cannes. It was fun to imitate the actor who was imitating a character based on me winning a prize at a film festival — which I felt like I was doing. When I won the prize at Berlin I felt like I was playing Thure winning the prize.



5 favourite NYC romantic comedies

Mike Birbiglia, a stand-up comic with a sleep disorder, stars in, co-writes and makes his directing debut with Sleepwalk With Me, which is about ... a stand-up comic with a sleep disorder. He plays a Brooklyn bartender simultaneously juggling his desire for onstage success with the girlfriend (Lauren Ambrose), who wants him to commit to her offstage. As the indie critical hit expands to more theatres this week, Birbiglia was kind enough to take the time to choose his five favourite romantic comedies set in New York City.

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1 Big (1988)

This film was my introduction to New-York-based films, and actually New York City as a whole. Once I saw this, I knew that I, too, would be destined for a penthouse Manhattan apartment with trampolines, pinball machines and bunk beds.

The romance with Elizabeth Perkins is believable despite its high concept and just adorable and laugh-out-loud funny. It's also heartbreaking, and makes me cry every time I've seen it. I've seen it 15 times. Actually, I cry quite a bit in general.

2 Moonstruck (1987)

This is the next New-York-based romantic comedy I saw. I was allowed to watch it despite my age because it was about Italians and it was important for the Birbiglias that I see Italian-American films.

What sticks out for me is the smaller characters that highlight the larger themes. In the liquor store Cher's character visits, there's a charming argument between a middle-aged couple. The wife says, "I see a wolf in you." The husband responds, "You know what I see in you? The girl I married." It's those secondary characters that make that film really sing comedically — in addition, of course, to the hilarious and emotional Nic Cage and Cher.

3 When Harry Met Sally (1989)

C'mon. Is every scene in this movie perfect? Yes. I could watch this movie over and over on a loop. Actually, I'm pretty sure they do that on cable. It plays quite a bit.

Meg Ryan is nothing short of magical in this performance. And the time lapses are, for me, what make this film really work — because we truly believe that this oil-and-water couple will stay together and they ought to.

I sure hope they do in the sequel: When Harry Stayed With Sally.

4 Metropolitan (1990)

I saw this film in high school and I watch and re-watch it now like it's an old friend.

It's about this very specific debutante culture in Manhattan, but because the protagonist is the outsider, we feel like it's our movie, too.

We're the outsider who has a crush on the incredible, Molly Ringwald-esque Carolyn Farina.

5 Annie Hall (1977)

I saw this film in college when I was first studying screenwriting and starting out as a comic. It has forever been imprinted in my DNA.

It's funny, it's emotional and it's unafraid. I was so struck when I saw it that it found the beauty in a breakup as opposed to wallowing in it. It also traffics in an area so specific — a neurotic, Jewish comedian — but yet it feels so universal. Woody Allen does this in all of his films of that period — Hannah and Her Sisters, Manhattan, Crimes and Misdemeanors — but this one truly makes me laugh the most and get choked up in the same moment.

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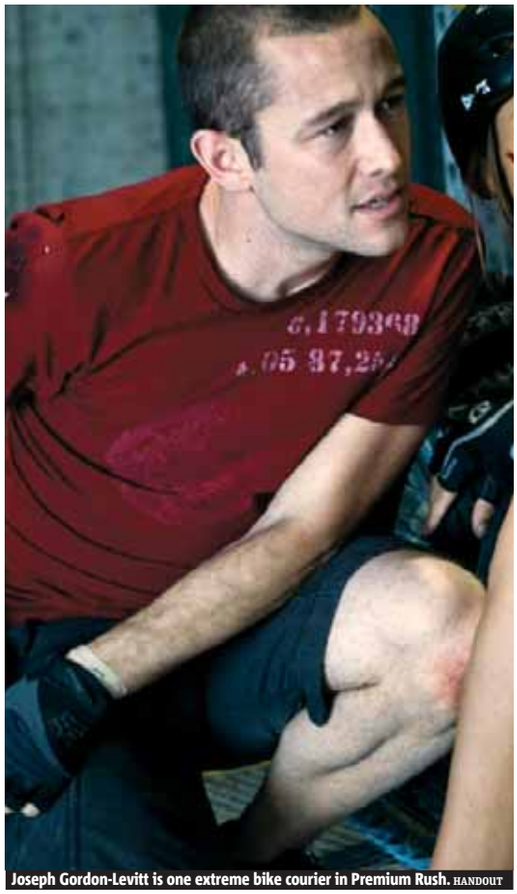
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Clint Eastwood, left, and Justin Timberlake star in Trouble with the Curve. HANDOUT

Will the empty chair stunt equal empty seats for Clint?

Trouble with the Curve. Eastwood's political stunt has some wondering if it will hurt the debut of his new film

A week after Clint Eastwood's appearance before the Republican National Convention, mocking continues about the Hollywood veteran's peculiar, rambling conversation with an imaginary President Barack Obama in an empty chair, raising the question: Will his latest film also be playing to empty seats when it debuts later this month?

Eastwood's nearly 12-minute-long speech, partially directed to an invisible Obama, has fired up a social media meme that shows no signs of cooling.

It includes the popular #Eastwooding and the @InvisbleObama account on Twitter, as well as jokey videos of the infamous seat hosting a press conference and a montage of empty chairs plopped into Eastwood film scenes.

While such ridicule plays well online, it could prove disastrous at the box office when Trouble With the Curve opens nationwide Sept. 21. The film stars Eastwood as a past-his-prime baseball scout for the Atlanta Braves who's accompanied by his lawyer daughter, played by The Fighter actress Amy Adams, on a last-chance scouting trip to North Carolina.

"If you're a Clint Eastwood fan, my guess is you'll probably still go to see the movie," said S. Mark Young, co-author of The Mirror Effect: How Celebrity Narcissism is Seducing America and professor at the University of Southern California's Marshall School of Business. "If you're not, you might be very disappointed with what's become of Clint."

The movie, which also stars Justin Timberlake as a rival scout, is directed by Eastwood collaborator, Robert Lorenz, and is being distributed by Warner Bros. A studio spokeswoman declined to comment if the film's marketing campaign would be tweaked in light of Eastwood's odd convention appearance. He's still expected to attend the film's junket and premiere.

Leonard Hirshan, Eastwood's longtime manager, said the 82-year-old actor-director would likely appear on one talk show to promote the film. He wasn't sure which one. Hirshan didn't originally know Eastwood was planning to appear at the convention in Tampa, Fla. He noted Eastwood doesn't employ a personal representative and usually "chooses to do what he wants to do."

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Not a typical actor

Although he's been a Hollywood staple, Eastwood has never conformed to Hollywood standards.

- **Support.** He's a flag-waving Republican, a fiscal conservative who takes left-leaning stands on social issues like gay marriage. He made waves with right-wingers earlier this year with corporate support.
- **Audience.** Moviegoers aren't the only audience Eastwood might have to worry about following his divisive speech supporting Mitt Romney. There's also left-leaning Hollywood.

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Stand Up for Cancer and Christmas specials — this week in television

• A star-studded roster has gathered for a good cause on Stand Up to Cancer, being broadcast on pretty much every major Canadian and U.S. network Friday. Taylor Swift, Coldplay, Alicia Keys and Tim McGraw will perform on the live, commercial-free fundraising special, which will also feature appearances from Gwyneth Paltrow, Julia Roberts, Matt Damon, Jessica Biel, Jeremy Renner, Emma Stone and Vancouver's Seth Rogen.

• As the fourth season of Warehouse 13 begins Friday, everyone's still reeling from last season's shocking finale, in which the Warehouse was destroyed along with several characters — including Steve Jinks, played by Canadian Aaron Ashmore. There's still hope, but it involves racing to the other side of the Earth in pursuit of an obscure artifact that might not even exist. (Showcase)

• Hands up if you thought Jennifer Love Hewitt's new show would be a hit? Indeed, the 10-episode first-season run of The Client List garnered big ratings and controversy in the U.S., given that Hewitt's Riley Parks is a single mother who takes a job at a day spa that offers sexual favours on the side. If you didn't catch the show's first airing on the new channel Lifetime Canada, it also premieres Saturday on Global.

Warehouse 13 HANDOUT

• So late summer isn't prime time for feelings of Christmas mirth but Saturday's rerun of Saturday Night Live could get you back in the mood, particularly given the presence of Canadian crooner Michael Bublé, who stopped by this past December to sing Holly Jolly Christmas and Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas while also taping a commercial parody. The host is former cast member Jimmy Fallon, and he's not the only regular to stop by — Tina Fey, Amy Poehler, Chris Kattan and Tracy Morgan all appear, as does Oscar-nominated actor Jude Law. (Global, NBC)

• Johnny Reid, Dean Brody and Gord Bamford are among the top-nominated artists heading into Sunday's Canadian Country Music Association Awards. This year's show promises country fans some major star power, with performances scheduled from Miranda Lambert and the Pistol Annies. (CBC)

• Two very different cop shows share space in Showcase's lineup Sunday. First up is Copper, which stars Tom Weston-Jones as an Irish immigrant cop patrolling the Five Points neighbourhood in 1860s New York City. Afterwards, catch the breezier Common Law, a buddy-cop comedy starring Michael Ealy and Warren Kole as dysfunctional cops who crack cases while bickering.

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How much does a good web series cost?

Internet-based TV.
Bryan Singer's H+ is a possible blueprint for dramatic digital series

This image released by Warner Premiere shows Melvin Abston as Lee Martin, left, and Nikki Crawford as Julie Martin in a scene from the new sci-fi series called H+ The Digital Series. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/WARNER PREMIERE

That's been an evolving but constant question as digital series multiply. Increasingly, Internet-based series aspire to television-level quality, while trying to get by on Web-sized budgets.

But this has mainly meant that most web series look shoddy. Fast and cheap has brought a rise in talk-show style productions, particularly among YouTube's channels and Yahoo's original programming. Comedy, less reliant on production value, is also less expensive, a truism proven by Zach Galifianakis' Between Two Ferns, which flourished with merely a guest and two potted plants.

Drama, though, has always been a more costly proposition. On the web, the economics usually just haven't added up.

Enter H+, a digital series produced by Bryan Singer, the director of The Usual Suspects and X-Men, as well as the executive producer of one of those high-price TV dramas, House. The sci-fi H+ is an ambitious, 48-part show with clear intentions of raising the bar on digital series and bringing a higher standard of production value to the web.

"There were always different forms of short comedic programming (online), but I primarily come out of narrative drama or action adventure," says Singer. "So for me, I wanted us to try to explore something more cinematic in the Internet space — something that would be very stylized, with a high production value, but at the same time be structured for the Internet."

The series, produced by Warner Premiere, debuted on YouTube in August and updates with a new four- to seven-minute episode every Wednesday, a pace that will take its run into January.

Its production budget was less than $2 million, a fairly remarkable sum considering the series is 255 minutes in total and includes action scenes, visual effects and international settings.

Quoted

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Series producer Bryan Singer

By stretching every dollar of its budget and managing to achieve a production value far above most Web fare, H+ could provide a blueprint for an industry striving to make hits with peanuts.

"We somehow managed to pull it off," says director Stewart Hendler, who helmed the 2009 horror film Sorority Row. "We kind of referred to ourselves as the biggest student film in history."

H+ is set in a near future where nearly everyone has a chip installed in their brains that blends the Internet with their minds. People scroll through data and make phone calls with the flick of the wrist, toggling an interface laid over eyesight. But a virus has suddenly spread through the device, immediately killing a third of the population.

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Last year, the Toronto International Film Festival was visited by U2, Pearl Jam and Neil Young in conjunction with various films. Here's who's coming this year.

On the web

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1 Jared Leto (a.k.a. Bartholomew Cubbins)/ Artifact

The 30 Seconds to Mars man documents how his band made the This Is War album while engaged in a brutal lawsuit with their label. Kings and Queens was a single. bit.ly/bCnu2y

2 Spike Lee (standing in for Michael Jackson)/Bad 25

Lee looks at Bad, another record that shaped the Jackson legend. Martin Scorsese directed the video for the title track. bit.ly/8n46rM

3 Rob Zombie/ The Lords of Salem

A radio DJ probably shouldn't have opened that mysterious box. Warm up with Sick Bubblegum from 2010's Hellbilly Deluxe 2. bit.ly/SbogOr

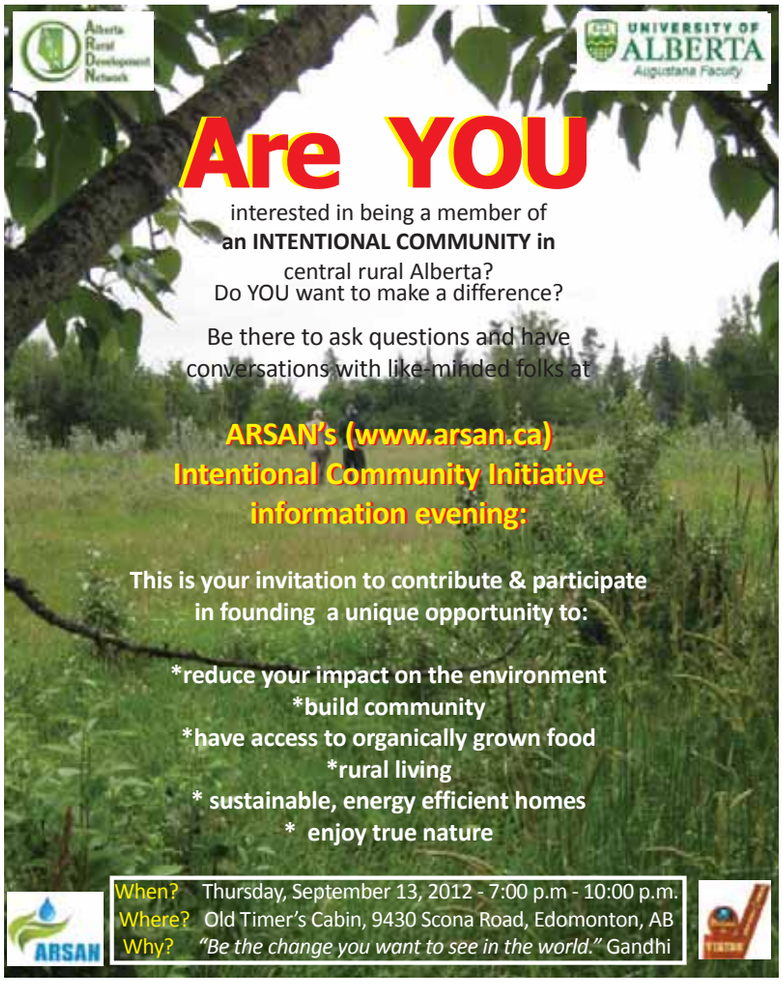
Kill me maybe. Carly Rae Jepsen's tune Billboard's song of the summer

There's no maybe about it: Carly Rae Jepsen's Call Me Maybe is the song of the summer.

Billboard says the 26-year-old Canadian's infectious pop song about infatuation love topped its Songs of Summer chart. The list annually ranks the overall performance of hit songs on the Billboard Hot 100 between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Landing at No. 2 was Maroon 5's Payphone, featuring Wiz Khalifa. Gotye's Somebody That I Used to Know, featuring Kimbra, Katy Perry's Wide Awake and Ellie Goulding's Lights round out the top five.

Call Me Maybe has already netted Jepsen a Teen Choice Award, and the video is up for the best new artist moonman trophy at Thursday night's MTV Video Music Awards. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Country music's rising star returns home

Hurricane cleanup. Homecoming sees Hayes at a concert for a hospital and singing the anthem at Sunday's Saints game

Rising country singer Hunter Hayes knows a thing or two about hurricanes.

The south Louisiana native has seen his share and even named his breakout single Storm Warning — about a beautiful girl he compares to a Cat 5 hurricane, the strongest category of tropical storm.

On Friday, the accordion-playing, harmonica-blowing singer from the Cajun town of Breaux Bridge returns, as Louisiana cleans up from Hurricane Isaac, for a concert benefiting a New Orleans hospital.

He's also scheduled to sing the national anthem at the New Orleans Saints' football game against the Washington Redskins on Sunday, his 21st birthday.

"This is going to be like a huge homecoming celebration for me," said Hayes, who has just been named one of the CMA Award's new-artist nominees, along with Lee Brice, Brantley Gilbert, Love and Theft and Thompson Square.

The 46th annual CMA Awards will air live Nov. 1 on ABC from Nashville's Bridgestone Arena. Hayes toured last year with Taylor Swift for part of her Speak Now tour and earlier this year with Rascal Flatts for its Thaw Out tour. Hayes hits the road again later this year as the opening act on Carrie Underwood's Blown Away tour.

"I'm living my dream," he said. "Music is my life. It's what I live for."

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Country music

Even as a little kid, Hayes said he just related to country music.

- **Lot of different music festivals.** Though Hayes moved to Nashville about five years ago, he said he still considers Louisiana home. It's where he spent his childhood playing "every instrument I could get my hands on." That included the harmonica, accordion, drums and guitar, he said. He frequently performed at Louisiana's Cajun, zydeco and seafood festivals but said he found his niche writing songs.

Country singer Hunter Hayes is returning to help those who helped him.
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The hit album that almost wasn't

Canadian content. Sloan celebrates Twice Removed, a beloved record once considered a failure

Now that it's a fixture on lists of the greatest Canadian rock albums of all time, it's easy to forget that Sloan's Twice Removed was once reviled.

Or at least it was by the behemoth of alt-rock record labels, Geffen, when the Halifax quartet delivered the glimmering LP, a thoughtful collection of brightly lit guitar-pop.

Twice Removed was an admitted left-turn from the group's distortion-contorted debut Smeared, and at a time when the modern-rock charts were dominated by sludge-slinging Nirvana imitators, their sophomore album was not what the label wanted to hear. It was clean, back when "clean" was a dirty word.

The album killed the golden goose. It broke up the band. But now they're celebrating it, in the form of a deluxe vinyl reissue and a cross-country tour during which Sloan will play the record in its entirety.

Back when Geffen first rejected it — when they asked the band to re-record the entire thing — the band certainly never imagined they would one day warm to the album.

"Self-doubt is my default setting — but I was the most torn up about it," said bassist and co-frontman Chris Murphy in a recent interview from their cluttered Toronto rehearsal space.

"I probably would have done anything, I was so excited to be on Geffen. ... 'Oh, they're asking us to record the whole thing again? I guess that's what you do. I guess that's what we should do.'

"I'm glad that we didn't."

So are the album's legions of fans.

But they didn't really exist back in 1994. Sure, Sloan did have fans. A couple of years prior, they had inked a deal with Geffen — the home of Nirvana, Beck and Sonic Youth — on the strength of their 1992 Peppermint EP, and followed it with their messy but charming full-length Smeared later that year.

That debut was a moderate chart success in Canada, but was most notable for the seemingly rosy future it forecast. In truth, Smeared was a dissonant pastiche of various indie-rock influences, one which both belied the band's inexperience and hinted at real songwriting skill submerged under the layers of fashionable fuzz.

That album, of course, is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. But the band didn't really savour the idea of playing Smeared front-to-back every night.

"There'd be a bunch of songs where we'd be like: 'Ugh. Skip that one,'" laughed Murphy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Influences

- Sloan dug deep into their influences — including the Velvet Underground, Slint, '80s hardcore and, of course, some classic British pop — while penning the songs that would form Twice Removed. There was certainly a degree of defiance as they rejected the direction most of the rock world was taking.
- "We were kind of running from grunge and this sort of house of cards that it seemed to be — all that 'poor man's Nirvana' (stuff)," Chris Murphy said.

Jay Ferguson, left, and Chris Murphy, of rock band Sloan, pose for a photo in their Toronto rehearsal space last month. MICHELLE SIU/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Grammy-Award-winning singer-songwriter Melissa Etheridge GETTY IMAGES

Melissa Etheridge, emerges from heartbreak on new disc

New music. 4th Street Feeling looks back on her parents, childhood and breakups in an album that takes you on a journey

At 51, Melissa Etheridge isn't coasting on her accomplishments. Take her guitar work.

The Grammy-Award-winning singer-songwriter, whose 12th studio album has been released this week, challenged herself to play all the guitar parts this time around for the first time.

"I kind of thought when I was 30 that you're as good as you're going to get. And that's not true," she says. "I have gotten so much better and I'm celebrating it on this album."

The album, 4th Street Feeling, has a dozen songs that mostly look backward — to her parents, childhood and breakups. It's named after a street in Etheridge's hometown of Leavenworth, Kan.

"I'm exploring being 51. I'm exploring the maturity, the wisdom that just comes from having gone around the sun 50 times," she says. "My experience is, 'Oh, I'm never really going to get it right. I'm never going to get it done.' But that's not the point here. The point is the journey."

Listeners will get some nostalgia — Etheridge sings about 8-tracks and the Oldsmobile Delta 88 — as well as new stuff. She tries out a banjitar — an instrument with a banjo body and a guitar neck — on the first single, Falling Up.

"The whole album is new compositions with those old shoes," she says.

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Messy split

Etheridge, best known for her songs Come to My Window and I'm the Only One, has also included a few not-so-veiled references to Tammy Lynn Michaels, with whom she's endured a messy split.

- **Quote.** "Say goodbye to the enemy," Etheridge sings in A Disaster. On another, Be Real, she asks, "You sold your soul for fame, fame, fame." And her tune Sympathy begins with the powerful line, "There's a liar in your bed."
- **Quote.** "I am a songwriter. I do get to put my personal experiences in song," she says. "Is that my ultimate revenge? I don't know."

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Lady Gaga's meat dress joins D.C. museum

Women Who Rock. Rock and Roll Hall of Fame opens national tour about the 'first ladies of rock'

Lady Gaga's famous meat dress has made its way to the U.S. capital, along with Loretta Lynn's song about The Pill and other relics from music history.

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland is opening a national tour for an exhibit about pioneering women in rock 'n' roll, tracing the evolution of women artists and their impact on music. It opens Friday at the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, D.C.

Curator Meredith Rutledge-Borger told The Associated Press the exhibit, Women Who Rock: Vision, Passion, Power is inherently political, in part, as it highlights many "first ladies of rock" who have spoken loud and clear on women's rights, gay rights and other issues through their music.

"This really is the centre of our political life," Rutledge-Borger said during the Washington opening. "Bringing this exhibit here kind of redefines what's important in our history and political life ... at a time when there's talk of women being under attack in politics."

More than 250 artifacts represent 70 women who were "engines of change and creativity," she said, each helping to redefine who could make rock 'n' roll. It features items from Cher, the B-52s, Donna Summer, Stevie Nicks, Cyndi Lauper and Madonna's provocative outfit from her Blonde Ambition tour.

Lynn's country song, The Pill, was considered so controversial in 1975 that her record label delayed its release for three years. Lynn later recounted that doctors told her the tune was pivotal in rural acceptance of birth control.

"We really wanted to make sure this wasn't just a fashion show," Rutledge-Borger said. "We wanted to showcase these artists as musicians."

For the National Museum of Women in the Arts, it's the first exhibit to feature women performing artists, said chief curator Kathryn Wat.

Gaga's dress from the 2010 MTV Video Music Awards — now dried, preserved and painted to restore its original raw meat colour — is being shown in its political context.

When Gaga wore the dress, she was accompanied by U.S. soldiers impacted by the "don't ask, don't tell" policy to protest the ban on gays serving openly in the military. She explained that if people don't stand up for their rights, "pretty soon we're going to have as much rights as the meat on our own bones. And, I am not a piece of meat."

Beyond the dress's shock value, Gaga's push for inclusion of gays or anyone else who is not mainstream helped cement her place as a pioneer, said Rutledge-Borger.

"If you dig a little deeper, there's this important message of inclusion and family," she said. "That to me is really why she's so powerful."

The museum also is featuring Gaga's outfit from the 2010 Grammy Awards, where Poker Face won for best dance recording, and her childhood piano. She began taking lessons when she was 4.

Women Who Rock will remain on view in Washington through Jan. 6. Then it will travel to the Durham Museum in Omaha, Neb., the EMP Museum in Seattle and the Musical Instrument Museum in Phoenix. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The dress made of meat worn by Lady Gaga at the 2010 MTV Video Music Awards is shown in the vault of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum to be shown in the Women Who Rock exhibit in Cleveland, Ohio. MARK DUNCAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lady Gaga walks backstage wearing a dress made of meat after accepting the award for video of the year for Bad Romance at the MTV Video Music Awards in Los Angeles, Sept. 12, 2010. MATT SAYLES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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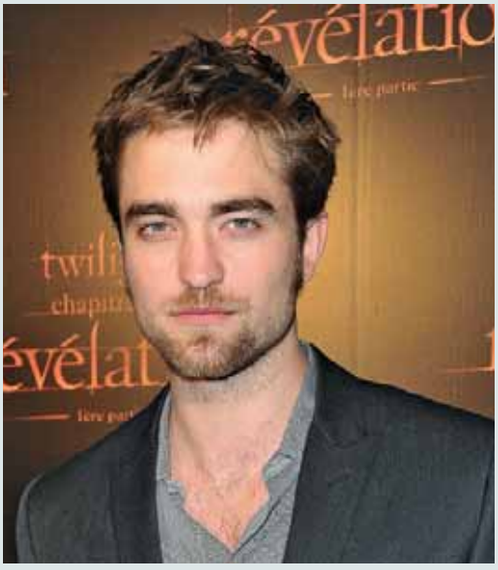

Pattinson's drinking problem is 'out of control': Source

Friends of Robert Pattinson reportedly want the actor to seek treatment for a drinking problem they say he's had for years and has only gotten worse since revelations of girlfriend Kristen Stewart's infidelity came to light, according to Hollyscoop.

Pattinson "has a huge drinking problem" and his friends and family "think that he needs to go to rehab," a source says.

But apparently his drinking is nothing new, according to the source: "He was drinking every day on the set of Cosmopolis and everyone on the set was aware of this," the source says. "His drinking is out of control. He loves vodka and drinks alone."

METRO

Lindsay Lohan. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Lohan sets record straight about story linking her to Tom Cruise

Somehow, Lindsay Lohan got pulled into a recent Vanity Fair story about the Church of Scientology auditioning actresses to be Tom Cruise's girlfriend before he married Katie Holmes, and Lohan just wants everyone to know she has no idea what the magazine is talking about.

"Lindsay met with Tom before he met Katie," a source tells the Huffington Post.

"At first, she was super-excited to work with Tom and thought it was about a role in Mission Impossible. It soon became clear that he wasn't looking for an actress but something very different."

Looking to clear her name, Lohan was quick to take to Twitter to post, "I just want everyone (and Tom Cruise) to know, that I have/had NO part in the VF story — nor has anyone in my life, personal and work-related."

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I try not to take things too seriously — especially wine. Knowing my booze beverage of choice can pour pretty pretentious just makes me more than happy to poke fun at its reputation for being a glass for the upper class.

In my slightly twisted mind, wine is the people's drink and should never be put on a pedestal or treated like a liquid of luxury.

That's why I appreciate winemakers with a sense of humour. I'm not talking about their juice. It's more about how they brand their output. The Aussies are masters at making classy, yet accessible, wines with amazingly original names.

When it comes to old school fun Mitolo's 2010 Jester Shiraz ($21.95 - $24.99) is more than a thick, textured red from the Mclaren Vale in South Australia. Its name was inspired by jester Richard Tarlton — one of Queen Elizabeth I's favourite comedians.

Dark, deep and layered with licorice, spice and chewy black fruit, it's a perfect late summer barbecue companion for steak or a choice slab of beef. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

On the Web

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Serve restaurant taste at your dinner table

Spicy Pork and Polenta. Take the mystery out of cooking this maize, which is a staple in Italian cuisine

Most people consider polenta a restaurant food. That's because as good as this creamy, cheesy Italian staple is, few of us have the time to crank it out.

But hidden on the grocer's shelves is a shortcut that can help get polenta on your dinner table any day of the week in minutes — prepared polenta. This is different — and far better — than a related product known as instant polenta. But first, some polenta basics.

Polenta is a traditional starch in Italian cooking, an alternative to pasta, rice and potatoes that pairs deliciously well with robust sauces and meats.

Tube-style pre-cooked polenta is usually sold in the grocer's natural foods section. This product is ready to slice and toss on the grill or into a skillet to pan-fry.

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup mirin
- 1/4 cup crushed pepper sauce
- 1/4 cup seasoned rice vinegar
- 2 tbsp soy sauce
- 1 lb thinly sliced pork cutlets
- 18-oz tube prepared polenta, cut into chunks
- 1 cup milk
- 2 tbsp toasted sesame oil
- 4 oz crumbled feta cheese
- Salt and ground black pepper

This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

1. In stainless steel bowl, stir mirin, crushed pepper sauce, vinegar and soy sauce. Add pork, toss, refrigerate 20 mins.

2. In saucepan over medium heat, combine polenta and milk. Stir until soft and heated through, 6 to 7 minutes. Cover and set aside.

3. In skillet, heat oil over medium-high. Remove pork from the marinade (reserve marinade); add to pan. Brown cutlets on each side 4 mins. Add marinade from bowl to skillet and bring to boil.

4. Stir feta cheese into polenta, then season with salt and pepper. To serve, spoon polenta onto each plate, top with pork and sauce from pan.

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Tea time

It's a most civilized endeavour and a lovely way to spend an hour or two. High Tea at the Arbour Restaurant in Rutherford House comes with the expected delights: cucumber sandwiches, shortbread and other dainties, and traditional scones with sweet cream and strawberry butter. Pretty pots of tea come with, and the small room is sunny and charming. Reservations recommended. Open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday to Sunday, with a Sunday brunch high tea menu.

Alberta Avenue celebrates

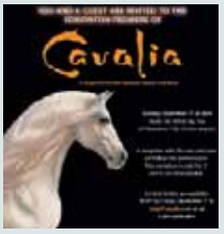
You couldn't jam much more fun into a festival if you tried. The 7th annual Kaleido family arts festival is bursting with activity Sept. 7 to 9 along 118 Avenue with over 200 musical, dance and theatrical performances, plus varied visual arts. There's a Friday night street party and a free pancake breakfast on Saturday. Pay what you can, and bring a donation for the food bank. See kaleidofest.ca for more.

Labour Day rematch

Early September is the thick of football season, and the weather is looking fine for another instalment in the battle of Alberta. This time, the fun is at Commonwealth Stadium when the Eskimos take on the Stampeders Friday at 7 p.m. The evening is a salute to unions and workers, with a half time show by country singer Dean Brody. Tickets are at ticketmaster.ca or at 780-448-3757. Go cheer on the green and gold!

Harvest fare

It's a great time of year to taste what Alberta has to offer, and the bounty of the harvest is highlighted Sept. 12 with a special lunch and dinner at the atrium of the Edmonton Journal. Chefs from Elm Café, Café de Ville and Kitchen will provide food, recipes and tips via a $15 lunch. A sit-down ,pork-based harvest dinner goes from 5 to 7:30 p.m. for $55. Tickets are at tastealberta.event-brite.ca.



All the pretty horses

The huge white tent is up and ready at the city centre airport — it's time to put on a show. Cavalia, the big-top spectacle featuring horses, acrobatics and a multi-media show will dazzle audiences Sept. 11 to 30. Equestrian stars are joined by aerialists, musicians and dancers in this celebration of the human/horse relationship. Tickets are $40 and up, from cavalia.net. Call 1-866-999-8111.

Get your boots on

Putting the fun in fundraising, Bling 'n Boots is planning a grand night for a great cause Saturday, Sept. 15 at The Venue in the River Cree Casino. You can check out the auction items online, and then buy a ticket for the dinner, gala, auction and concert in support of STARS air ambulance and the Edmonton Rodeo Cowboy's Benevolent Foundation. This ain't no stuffy affair. See bling'nboots.ca for all the details.

SPORTS 4

Mobile sports

The CFL season has been full of ups and downs at the halfway point of the campaign. Two finalists for last year's top rookie award are a couple of the unforeseen highlights so far in 2012. Scan the code for the story.

Eskimos Lee Robinson, right, and Donovan Alexander tackle Stampeders rusher Jon Cornish in Calgary last Monday. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Eskimos defence accepts blame for Labour Day loss

The Battle of Alberta. Down but not out, Edmonton vows to get tough with Calgary in Friday's rematch

The members of the Edmonton Eskimos defence know what they did wrong Labour Day and what they need to do to fix it Friday.

After giving up 31 points in a one-point loss to Calgary on Monday, defensive end Julius Williams says Edmonton's defence has to do its job better when the two teams meet in a rematch Friday at Commonwealth Stadium.

"They're a good team but nothing they did would have beat us," he said Thursday. "We beat ourselves because we weren't in the right place, weren't filling the gaps, guys were missing tackles.

"It's about execution, making sure we execute and get it done."

The Stampeders' home-field win pulled them into a second-place tie with Edmonton in the West Division, both at 5-3, with Friday's contest expected to be every bit as close.

Defensive co-ordinator Mark Nelson said the Eskimos just "ran out of time" Monday.

"It was like a heavyweight, 15-round battle and nobody got knocked out, we were both standing," he said. "We just lost on points. Now we go at it again and they have to come to our house.

"This is Round 2. Could be a Round 4, Round 5 situation (by season's end), who knows."

Nelson said his defence also got "out-formationed" on some plays because of the Stampeders' motion.

"Little things that catch our eyes, some extra movement," he explained. "It was only a couple of times but it hurt us. That comes back to coaching."

Feeling the heat

"We felt, honestly that it was our fault we lost the game."

Edmonton linebacker J.C. Sherritt. reflects on his team's loss to Calgary

Much of the pre-game hype going into Calgary was the matchup of Stampeder running back Jon Cornish against Sherritt, the league leader in tackles. Cornish impressed Sherritt with his 13 carries for 71 yards along with four receptions for 23 yards and a touchdown in Monday's win.

"I saw exactly what I expected, what I saw on film, a great player," said Sherritt. "This one-on-one thing, that's for the media. If I were to get caught up in a one-on-one battle I would be letting down our defence."

Veteran Kerry Joseph will again get the start at quarterback. Head coach Kavis Reed said the physical condition of Steven Jyles made the decision easy.

"We came to the realization he's not where he needs to be to protect himself from long-term injury," Reed said of Jyles who injured his leg in the Eskimos 26-17 win over Toronto on Aug. 17.

Joseph completed 17-of-27 passes for 311 yards and two touchdowns in Monday's loss. He said the Eskimos must get off to a better start at home.

"We started slow down there," he said. "We need to start fast, get the momentum."

Reed said no final decision had been made on his running backs. Jerome Messam, Cory Boyd and Hugh Charles are all on the 46-player roster and who will be on the 42-man game roster will be a late decision.

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NFL

Ravens to pay tribute to Modell

The Baltimore Ravens and the family of Art Modell will stage a silent tribute to the team's former majority owner Saturday by placing his casket on the team's home field.

David Modell said he and his brother, John, were at their father's side on Thursday when he "died peacefully of natural causes."

He was 87.

Modell was among the most important figures in the NFL as owner of the Cleveland Browns, which became the Ravens after he took the team to Baltimore in 1996 in a move that tarnished his reputation as one of the league's most innovative and influential owners.

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Tennis

Ferrer wins marathon match to reach semifinals

With his high-energy brand of leg-churning, ball-chasing tennis, fourth-seeded David Ferrer outlasted eighth-seeded Janko Tipsarevic of Serbia 6-3, 6-7 (5), 2-6, 6-3, 7-6 (4) in four hours, 31 minutes on Thursday to reach the U.S. Open semifinals for the second time. Ferrer, also a semifinalist at Flushing Meadows in 2007, has won four consecutive five-setters. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

David Ferrer celebrates his win in New York on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JOSEPH CONTINUES TO MAKE CASE TO START

CFL EXTRA POINTS
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Kerry Joseph's strong play could create unrest in the Eskimos' locker-room.
JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Edmonton Eskimos: Like it or not, Eskimos head coach Kavis Reed has a quarterbacking controversy in his locker-room. On one hand, it's great to have aging QB Kerry Joseph on the roster as insurance against Steven Jyles faltering. But now that Joseph's looked more than capable in the last two appearances, going back to Jyles might be an unpopular decision.

Calgary Stampeders: It's comical to still see the Stampeders taking stupid penalties game after game, year after year. The team's long-standing Achilles' heal is a key reason Tom Higgins lost his job in Calgary after the 2007 season, and years later the club continues to pile up the simply selfish infractions under John Hufnagel. If fines don't work, benchings (or worse) is the only answer.

B.C. Lions: You can't blame B.C. for taking a cautious approach over the potential return of former rookie of the year Solomon Elimimian, who was cut from two NFL camps and has until Sept. 13 to report to the Lions. If the linebacker does return to Vancouver only to play out his option, he is merely a short-term upgrade whose head and heart might be elsewhere the rest of the CFL season. Re-signing Elimimian to a long-term deal is a priority.

Saskatchewan Roughriders: Nothing like a 52-0 shutout to end a losing skid and buoy the spirits of the Rider Nation's doomsdayers. The Riders aren't that good and the Bombers aren't that bad, but suddenly the Green Machine is a playoff contender again after weeks of fans demanding the club blow it up and start over, beginning with QB Darian Durant.

Winnipeg Blue Bombers: Lose again this week and the Bombers will launch a massive airlift of players in and out of Winnipeg. Although still just two points out of third in the East, falling to 2-8 would trigger significant change on the field if not the front office.

Toronto Argos: We know Argos GM Jim Barker is loyal to a fault when handling veteran players, none more so than Ken-Yon Rambo. Surely, Rambo's lackadaisical Labour Day performance in Hamilton, albeit in his first game back from injury, will be his last CFL game. Rambo, who turns 34 next month, made two insignificant catches, dropped a pass and was called offside. If Argos newcomer Jason Barnes is incapable of securing that position, it's time to start beating the bushes for new talent.

NHL

Fehr, Bettman and Daly decline salary during lockout

None of the top executives involved in the NHL's collective bargaining negotiations will continue to be paid if the league enacts a lockout next week.

Donald Fehr, the executive director of the NHL Players' Association, says he stopped drawing a salary on July 1 and a source told The Canadian Press that commissioner Gary Bettman and deputy commissioner Bill Daly plan to follow suit if a new agreement can't be reached by Sept. 15.

It's a practice Fehr adhered to during his time at baseball's union and one his predecessor at the NHLPA, Bob Goodenow, also followed when the 2004-05 season was wiped out by a lockout.

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Donald Fehr. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

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Williams feeling like a rookie again

NFL. High-profile defensive end makes debut for Bills as Tebow Time gets underway for Jets on Sunday

Mario Williams
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It's Tebow Time for the New York Jets, and Super Mario's big debut for the Buffalo Bills.

Tim Tebow and Mario Williams, two of the NFL's highest-profile players, switched teams this off-season and are hoping to have huge impacts — starting with the regular-season opener at MetLife Stadium on Sunday in East Rutherford, N.J.

"I really don't get nervous, but it does feel like my rookie year all over again," said Williams, who signed a six-year, $100-million US deal with the Bills in March after six years in Houston. "It does feel like I got drafted again. I'm pretty sure it'll be a little bit, a little anxiety, but it'll be fine."

The Bills are banking on the fact that Williams will add a big-time boost to their defence, wreaking havoc on opposing quarterbacks every Sunday and helping Buffalo improve a defence that managed just 29 sacks last season.

"You kind of sit back and go, 'whew,'" Jets coach Rex Ryan said. "He's a tremendous player. Your first thought is you're going against him, then you think, 'He does get to play New England twice, so that's kind of a good thing.' If we can survive, hopefully New England will struggle with him. That's it. It's like, 'Whew.' The conference, our league is getting better. You steal one of the top pass rushers in the game. Clearly, you think, 'Oh man.' You hope that he doesn't go into our division, but here he is."

And, so is Tebow, the popular backup quarterback whose role in New York's offence has been kept mostly under wraps all off-season to keep defences on their toes. Tebow will work in new offensive co-ordinator Tony Sparano's wildcat packages and as the personal punt protector on special teams.

Beyond that, anybody's guess is as good as Buffalo's.

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Quoted

"I just want to be able to help any way I can."
Tim Tebow, Jets backup QB

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New York	77	60	.562	—
Tampa Bay	75	62	.547	2½
Boston	63	75	.457	15
Toronto	61	75	.449	16

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	74	62	.544	—
Detroit	73	63	.537	1
Kansas City	61	75	.449	13
Cleveland	58	79	.423	16½
Minnesota	56	81	.409	18½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	81	55	.596	—
Oakland	76	60	.559	5
Los Angeles	74	63	.540	7½
Seattle	67	71	.486	15

Thursday's results
Baltimore 10 N.Y. Yankees 6
Texas at Kansas City
Wednesday's results
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Friday's games — All Times Eastern
N.Y. Yankees (P.Hughes 13-12) at Baltimore (W.Chen 12-8), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (D.Holland 10-6) at Tampa Bay (Hellickson 8-10), 7:10 p.m.
Toronto (H.Alvarez 7-12) at Boston (Doubront 10-7), 7:10 p.m.
Cleveland (J.Gomez 5-7) at Minnesota (Hendriks 0-7), 8:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Mendoza 7-9) at Chicago White Sox (Liriano 5-11), 8:10 p.m.
Detroit (Scherzer 15-6) at L.A. Angels (E.Santana 8-11), 10:05 p.m.
Oakland (Griffin 4-0) at Seattle (F.Hernandez 13-6), 10:10 p.m.
Saturday's games
Kansas City at Chicago White Sox, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Minnesota, 7:10 p.m.
Texas at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
Detroit at L.A. Angels, 9:05 p.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 9:10 p.m.
Sunday's games
N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, 1:35 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 1:35 p.m.
Texas at Tampa Bay, 1:40 p.m.
Cleveland at Minnesota, 2:10 p.m.
Kansas City at Chicago White Sox, 2:10 p.m.
Detroit at L.A. Angels, 3:35 p.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 4:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	84	52	.618	—
Atlanta	78	60	.565	7
Philadelphia	66	71	.482	18½
New York	65	72	.474	19½
Miami	61	77	.442	24

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	83	55	.601	—
St. Louis	74	63	.540	8½
Pittsburgh	72	64	.529	10
Milwaukee	67	70	.489	15½
Chicago	51	85	.375	31
Houston	42	95	.307	40½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	77	60	.562	—
Los Angeles	73	65	.529	4½
Arizona	68	70	.493	9½
San Diego	64	74	.464	13½
Colorado	56	80	.412	20½

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Philadelphia 6 Cincinnati 2
Pittsburgh 6 Houston 3
San Diego 4 L.A. Dodgers 3
Washington 9 Chicago Cubs 1
Friday's games — All Times Eastern
Chicago Cubs (T.Wood 4-11) at Pittsburgh (A.J.Burnett 15-5), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (Francis 5-4) at Philadelphia (Cl.Lee 4-7), 7:05 p.m.
Miami (Ja.Turner 0-2) at Washington (Strasburg 15-6), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Maholm 11-9) at N.Y. Mets (Niese 10-8), 7:10 p.m.
Houston (Harrell 10-9) at Cincinnati (H.Bailey 10-9), 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Gallardo 14-8) at St. Louis (Lohse 14-2), 8:15 p.m.
Arizona (Skaggs 1-1) at San Diego (Cashner 3-3), 10:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Beckett 1-1) at San Francisco (Lincecum 8-14), 10:15 p.m.
Saturday's games
Miami at Washington, 1:05 p.m.
Atlanta at N.Y. Mets, 4:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
Colorado at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
Houston at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee at St. Louis, 7:15 p.m.
Arizona at San Diego, 8:35 p.m.
Sunday's games
Atlanta at N.Y. Mets, 1:10 p.m.
Houston at Cincinnati, 1:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, 1:35 p.m.
Colorado at Philadelphia, 1:35 p.m.
Miami at Washington, 1:35 p.m.
Milwaukee at St. Louis, 2:15 p.m.
Arizona at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, 8:05 p.m.

LATE WEDNESDAY

BLUE JAYS 6, ORIOLES 4

Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Markks rf	4	0	0	0	RDavis lf	4	1	2	3
Hardy ss	3	0	0	0	Rasms cf	4	0	0	0
McLoth lf	3	0	0	0	Encmc 1b	3	0	0	0
Ford ph-lf	1	0	0	0	Lind dh	4	1	1	0
AdJons cf	3	1	2	1	YEscor ss	4	1	1	0
Wieters c	3	2	0	0	KJhnsn 2b	4	1	2	1
C.Davis dh	3	0	0	0	Torreal c	4	0	0	0
MrRynl 1b	4	1	1	2	Hchvrr 3b	3	1	1	1
Quntnll 2b	3	0	0	0	Gose rf	3	1	2	0
Machd 3b	3	0	2	1					
Totals	**30**	**4**	**5**	**4**	**Totals**	**33**	**6**	**9**	**5**

Baltimore	020	000	002	**— 4**
Toronto	011	000	40x	**— 6**

E—Ad.Jones (8). DP—Toronto 2. LOB—Baltimore 4, Toronto 4. 2B—Machado (5), Y.Escobar (19), K.Johnson (17). 3B—Gose (2). HR—Ad.Jones (27), Mar.Reynolds (18), R.Davis (7).

Baltimore	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Mig.Gonzalez L,6-4	6 1-3	7	5	5	0	4
Ayala	0	2	1	0	0	0
Matusz	2-3	0	0	0	1	2
Tom.Hunter	1	0	0	0	0	0
Toronto						
Morrow	6	3	2	2	3	6
Delabar W,4-1	1	1	0	0	0	2
Oliver	1	0	0	0	1	0
Janssen	1	1	2	2	1	2

Delabar pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.
Ayala pitched to 2 batters in the 7th.
Umpires—Home, Tim Welke; First, Paul Schrieber; Second, Mike Everitt; Third, Laz Diaz.
T—2:46. A—14,458 (49,260) at Toronto.

CFL

WEEK 11

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Montreal	9	6	3	0	263	267	12
Toronto	9	5	4	0	210	222	10
Hamilton	9	3	6	0	266	294	6
Winnipeg	9	2	7	0	176	296	4

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
B.C.	9	6	3	0	227	171	12
Edmonton	9	5	4	0	221	185	10
Calgary	9	5	4	0	248	236	10
Saskatchewan	9	4	5	0	242	182	8

Friday's game — All Times Eastern
Calgary at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Saturday's games
Hamilton at Toronto, 1 p.m.
Montreal at B.C., 4 p.m.
Sunday's game
Saskatchewan at Winnipeg, 1 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	TD	C	FG	S	Pts
Whyte, Mtl	0	27	19	5	89
McCallum, BC	0	23	2	4	87
Shaw, Edm	0	20	19	5	82
Congi, Ham	0	26	16	2	76
Palardy, Wpg	0	13	19	3	73
Paredes, Cal	0	23	16	0	71
C.Williams, Ham	11	0	0	0	66
Waters, Tor	0	9	16	2	59
Milo, Sask	0	16	11	8	57
Whitaker, Mtl	8	0	0	0	48
x-Lewis, Cal	7	2	0	0	44

x — scored two-point convert

GOLF

PGA BMW CHAMPIONSHIP

At Carmel, Ind.
First Round — Par 72

Webb Simpson	33-31—64
Bo Van Pelt	31-33—64
Rory McIlroy	32-32—64
Graham DeLaet	**32-32—64**
Tiger Woods	33-32—65
Vijay Singh	34-31—65
Ryan Palmer	32-34—66
Ryan Moore	34-32—66
Luke Donald	34-32—66
Jimmy Walker	34-33—67
Zach Johnson	35-32—67
Robert Garrigus	33-34—67
Justin Rose	32-35—67
Rickie Fowler	34-33—67
Ben Crane	34-33—67
Ian Poulter	36-32—68
Adam Scott	33-35—68
Kyle Stanley	34-34—68
Matt Every	35-33—68
Chris Kirk	35-33—68
Seung-Yul Noh	34-34—68
Graeme McDowell	33-35—68
Lee Westwood	34-34—68
Louis Oosthuizen	35-33—68
Dustin Johnson	36-32—68
Steve Stricker	33-35—68
Ernie Els	34-34—68
Geoff Ogilvy	33-35—68
Jim Furyk	33-36—69
Phil Mickelson	33-36—69
Matt Kuchar	35-34—69
Sergio Garcia	37-32—69
David Hearn	**34-35—69**
Tom Gillis	35-34—69
Kevin Stadler	35-34—69
Bud Cauley	35-34—69
Bubba Watson	35-34—69
Brandt Snedeker	36-33—69
Martin Laird	35-34—69
Charl Schwartzel	35-34—69
Ben Curtis	36-34—70
John Senden	35-35—70
John Huh	35-35—70
Hunter Mahan	34-36—70
Nick Watney	33-37—70
Padraig Harrington	35-35—70
Troy Matteson	35-35—70
Charlie Wi	34-36—70
Johnson Wagner	36-34—70
J.B. Holmes	35-35—70
Tim Clark	35-36—71
Bill Haas	37-34—71
Bob Estes	36-35—71
Brendon de Jonge	36-35—71
Keegan Bradley	34-37—71
Mark Wilson	35-37—72
Scott Piercy	34-38—72
Jason Dufner	37-35—72
Pat Perez	36-36—72
Kevin Na	36-36—72
Brian Harman	35-38—73
Jeff Overton	37-37—74
Greg Chalmers	38-36—74
D.A. Points	33-41—74
Marc Leishman	37-38—75
Carl Pettersson	39-36—75
Charley Hoffman	38-37—75
Dicky Pride	39-37—76
Bryce Molder	38-39—77
William McGirt	40-37—77

LPGA KINGSMILL CHAMPIONSHIP

At Williamsburg, Va.
Par: 71 (36-35)
Partial First Round (play suspended and will be completed Friday)

Jiyai Shin	32-30—62
Paula Creamer	30-35—65
Maria Hjorth	33-32—65
Azahara Munoz	33-32—65
Beatriz Recari	33-32—65
Jennifer Johnson	36-30—66
Christina Kim	35-31—66
Mika Miyazato	32-34—66
Jennifer Song	33-33—66
Isabelle Beisiegel	**35-32—67**
Chella Choi	34-33—67
Katie Futcher	34-33—67
Julieta Granada	36-31—67
Natalie Gulbis	34-33—67
Danielle Kang	35-32—67

NFL

WEEK ONE

Wednesday's result
Dallas 24 N.Y. Giants 17
Sunday's games — All Times Eastern
Indianapolis at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Miami at Houston, 1 p.m.
New England at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Washington at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Arizona, 4:25 p.m.
San Francisco at Green Bay, 4:25 p.m.
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 4:25 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Denver, 8:20 p.m.
Monday's games
Cincinnati at Baltimore, 7 p.m.
San Diego at Oakland, 10:15 p.m.

TENNIS

U.S. OPEN

At New York
MEN
Singles
Quarter-finals
David Ferrer (4), Spain, def. Janko Tipsarevic (8), Serbia, 6-3, 6-7 (5), 2-6, 6-3, 7-6 (4).
Doubles
Semifinals
Bob and Mike Bryan (2), United States, def. Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi, Pakistan, and Jean-Julien Rojer (9), Netherlands, 6-3, 6-4.
Leander Paes, India, and Radek Stepanek (5), Czech Republic, def. Marcel Granollers and Marc Lopez (6), Spain, 6-6 (retired).
WOMEN
Singles
Semifinals
Sara Errani and Roberta Vinci (2), Italy, def. Nuria Llagostera Vives and Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez (8), Spain, 6-3, 6-2.
Andrea Hlavackova and Lucie Hradecka (3), Czech Republic, def. Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, and Anabel Medina Garrigues (16), Spain, 7-6 (2), 6-4.
JUNIOR SINGLES
Boys
Second Round
Filip Peliwo (2), Vancouver def. Markos Kalovelonis, Greece, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.
Girls
Second Round
Katerina Siniakova (6), Czech Republic, def. **Francoise Abanda, Montreal**, 0-6, 6-4, 6-0.
Victoria Duval, United States, def. **Eugenie Bouchard (3), Westmount, Que.**, 2-6, 6-1, 6-4.
Carol Zhao (14), Richmond Hill, Ont., def. Hsu Ching-wen, Taiwan, 6-3, 2-1, retired.

TRANSACTIONS

NFL

ATLANTA FALCONS—Re-signed CB Dominique Franks. Waived WR Tim Toone.
OAKLAND RAIDERS—Signed WR Derek Hagan. Waived CB Coye Francies.

AHL

PROVIDENCE BRUINS—Signed F Alden Hirschfeld.

ECHL

READING ROYALS—Agreed to terms with F David Marshall.
UTAH GRIZZLIES—Signed D Evan Stoflet.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Kansas City	27	15	7	5	34	24	50
New York	26	13	7	7	46	39	46
Chicago	26	13	8	5	35	31	44
Columbus	27	12	9	6	33	32	42
Houston	27	11	7	9	39	33	42
D.C. United	27	12	10	5	43	38	41
Montreal	29	12	14	3	43	46	39
New England	28	7	14	7	35	38	28
Philadelphia	25	7	13	5	25	30	26
Toronto	27	5	16	6	30	48	21

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
San Jose	27	16	6	5	56	33	53
Real Salt Lake	28	14	10	4	38	32	46
Seattle	26	12	6	8	41	27	44
Los Angeles	28	13	11	4	48	40	43
Vancouver	28	10	11	7	29	37	37
Dallas	29	8	12	9	34	38	33
Colorado	28	9	17	2	36	41	29
Chivas USA	25	7	11	7	20	39	28
Portland	27	7	14	6	27	46	27

Thursday's result
Real Salt Lake at Houston
Wednesday's results
New England 2 Columbus 0
Colorado 3 Portland 0
Saturday's game — All Times Eastern
Chivas USA at Seattle, 4 p.m.

NASL

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
x-San Antonio	24	12	5	7	42	21	43
Tampa Bay	24	11	7	6	32	29	39
Puerto Rico	24	10	8	6	28	24	36
Carolina	23	9	7	7	39	41	34
Fort Lauderdale	25	9	9	7	38	42	34
Minnesota	24	7	8	9	28	29	30
Atlanta	24	5	12	7	29	43	22
Edmonton	24	5	12	7	21	28	22

x — clinched playoff berth.
Saturday's games — All Times Eastern
San Antonio at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Puerto Rico at Fort Lauderdale, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.

WORLD CUP QUALIFYING

NORTH, CENTRAL AND CARIBBEAN

Friday's games — All Times Eastern
At Havana
Cuba vs. Honduras, 3 p.m.
At Toronto
Canada vs. Panama, 7:45 p.m

FIFA WOMEN'S UNDER-20 WORLD CUP

Saturday's games — All Times Eastern
At Tokyo
Third Place
Japan vs. Nigeria, 2:30 a.m.
Championship
Germany vs. U.S., 6:20 a.m.

AUTO RACING

FORMULA ONE

ITALIAN GRAND PRIX
Site: Monza, Italy.
Track: Autodromo Nazionale di Monza (road course, 3.6 miles). **Race distance:** 190.8 miles, 53 laps.

NASCAR SPRINT CUP

FEDERATED AUTO PARTS 400
Site: Richmond, Va.
Track: Richmond International Raceway (oval, 0.75 miles). **Race distance**: 300 miles, 400 laps.

CYCLING

SPANISH VUELTA

At Camaleno, Spain
18th Stage — 204.47-kilometres
1. Daniele Bennati, Italy, Radioshack-Nissan, four hours, 17 minutes, 17 seconds; 2. Ben Swift, Britain, Team Sky, same time; 3. Allan Davis, Australia, Orica Greenedge, s.t.; 4. Lloyd Mondory, France, AG2R La Mondiale, s.t.; 5. John Degenkolb, Germany, Argos-Shimano, s.t.; 6. Davide Vigano, Italy, Lampre ISD, s.t.; 7. Matti Breschel, Denmark, Rabobank, s.t.; 8. Koen de Kort, Netherlands, Argos-Shimano, s.t.; 9. Mitchell Docker, Australia, Orica Greenedge, s.t.; 10. Gregory Rast, Switzerland, Radioshack-Nissan, six seconds behind.
Overall Standings
(after 18th of 21 stages)
1. Alberto Contador, Spain, SaxoBank, 72 hours, 25 minutes, 21 seconds; 2. Alejandro Valverde, Spain, Movistar, one minute 52 seconds behind; 3. Joaquin Rodriguez, Spain, Katusha, 2:28; 4. Christopher Froome, Britain, Team Sky, 9:40; 5. Daniel Moreno, Spain, Katusha, 11:36; 6. Robert Gesink, Netherlands, Rabobank, 12:02.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You will do almost anything to avoid boredom but the planets warn that if you go too far today, you might later decide that boredom is not such a bad thing after all. Never forget that actions have consequences.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Someone is sure to disapprove of what you do today. Should that stop you from doing it? No way! If anything, you should show your independence by doing it even more. They will get the message.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
If you feel that your life is in a bit of a rut you should do something about it today. Try doing the opposite of what you usually do. Don't worry that others might not approve — that's what makes it fun.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You will get the chance to change something that should really have been changed weeks, if not months, ago. If it's a habit that is holding you back be brave and cut it out of your life once and for all.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Make it your business to get involved in a cause that helps people who are too weak to help themselves. Don't worry that by doing so you might make powerful enemies — you have powerful friends to protect you.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
With the Sun in your sign linked to Jupiter today you won't hesitate to do something out of the ordinary. Even people who know you well will shake their heads and wonder what's come over you.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You seem to have come into some money but don't spend too much time admiring your good fortune because you need to build on what you've been given. It doesn't have to be easy come, easy go.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
What happens today may catch you by surprise but you can still profit from it if you act quickly. The planets indicate that if you take a risk it will pay off in a big way. What have you got to lose?

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
The direct approach is the best approach, especially where partnerships are concerned. Let others know how you feel and don't worry that you might hurt their feelings. It's your feelings that matter, so tell it like it is.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Today's Sun-Jupiter link will help you shake things up a bit, especially where your daily routine is concerned. In a nutshell, you need to be more adventurous. Never let the past or old habits hold you back.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Do something that takes even your best friends by surprise today. It's time you reminded certain people, both at home and at work, that you have a mind of your own and are not afraid to use it.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You may be perfectly entitled to get annoyed with someone and lay down the law but isn't there a better way to deal with the situation? If you upset them needlessly it could be self-defeating in the long-term.
SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: (Mount St. Elias Is the Second-Highest)

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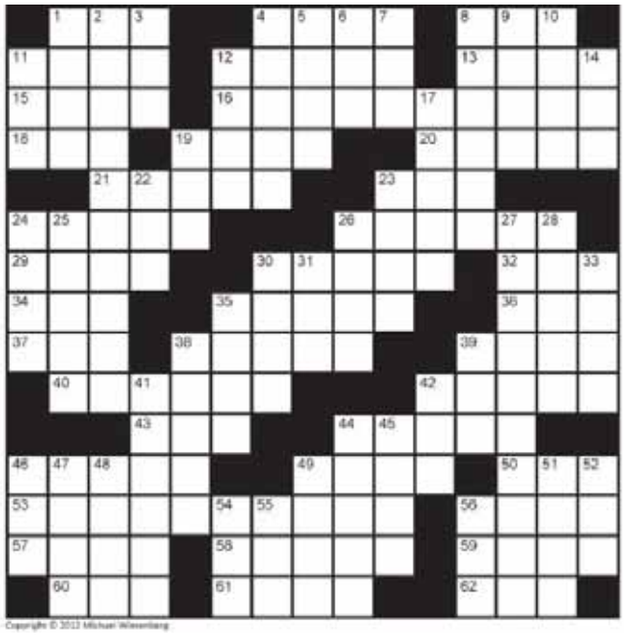
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Across
1. WSW opposite
4. Certain hockey shot
8. Also say
11. 2-Down or 7-Down: abbr.
12. Idaho or Iowa
13. Louis David ___, a founder of the province of Manitoba
15. In person
16. Canada's government
18. A vote for
19. Baseball stadium
20. Expenses
21. Flies like an eagle
23. Early Beatles bassist Sutcliffe (or an alphabetic sequence)
24. ___ Mountains: sight visible from Calgary but not Edmonton
26. Book jacket promos
29. God of love
30. The "Little Ol' Band From Texas" (2 wds.)
32. "Gangsta" music
34. Bring home after expenses
35. Get ready to play a hole (2 wds.)
36. QB's goal : abbr.
37. Thee: Fr.
38. School vehicles
39. Belfry critters
40. Least dangerous
42. Defensive response to "Stop hitting your sister!" (2 wds.)
43. A cheer
44. Columbus's Italian birthplace
46. 640 make a square mile
49. Alero or Cutlass, in brief
50. ER workers : abbr.
53. Canada's highest peak (2 wds.)
56. Endorse politically
57. "Be with you in ___!" (2 wds)
58. Hobby shop wood
59. TV award
60. Volcanic fallout
61. Canonized Frenchwomen: abbr.
62. Sixth sense

Down
1. Fort ___: Ontario town directly across the Niagara River from Buffalo, New York
2. A Maritime (2 wds.)
3. Night before
4. Asterisks
5. Alouette, in English
6. It's off Canada's East Coast: abbr.
7. A Maritime: initialism
8. Knight's protector
9. Expires
10. Minor automobile accident result
11. Tissue box word
12. Box for practice
14. Capt.'s subordinates: abbr.
17. Malfunction or misbehave (2 wds.)
19. Earnings
22. Approves
23. Pig feed
24. Landlord's charge
25. Sandwich cookies
26. A/C capacity measures
27. "Summer of '69" singer (2 wds.)
28. "___ say": "Alas" (2 wds.)
30. Enthusiasm
31. Last letter of the alphabet in the US
33. "Hey, you!"
35. 30-Across's first top 20 single
38. "Beauty and the ___"
39. RBC competitor
41. Canadian language
42. Special connections
44. Drinking vessel
45. Novelist Ferber
46. "I ___ Rock": Simon & Garfunkel hit (2 wds.)
47. ___ Nostra
48. Regrets
49. Stare at
51. Canada's national police
52. The heavens
54. 16-oz. units
55. Morsel for a horse
56. Quilt-making gathering

Yesterday's Crossword

What's online

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

			8			9		
7		9		5			6	
6			7			1		
		8		3	7			2
	4						9	
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		2			8			9
	7			9		5		4
		1			2			

Yesterday's Sudoku

7	3	9	2	4	6	1	8	5
2	4	8	1	5	3	9	6	7
6	1	5	7	8	9	2	3	4
9	7	2	4	1	8	6	5	3
4	8	3	6	2	5	7	1	9
1	5	6	9	3	7	8	4	2
8	9	7	5	6	4	3	2	1
5	6	1	3	7	2	4	9	8
3	2	4	8	9	1	5	7	6

Weather

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
MAX: 21° MIN: 11°	MAX: 25° MIN: 12°	MAX: 24° MIN: 16°

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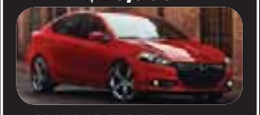
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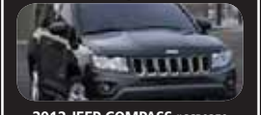
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